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Memorandum No. 57 (1960)

Subject: Presentation of 1961 Legislative Program to Interim Committees.

In September 1959 the Assembly Interim Committee on Judiciary -- Civil suggested that the interim committee might find it useful to hold interim hearings on the Law Revision Commission's proposals. The Committee felt that this would give the legislators and the public a chance to study the Commission's proposals more intensively than the regular session allows.

At the March 1960 meeting of the Law Revision Commission, Mr. John A. Bohn, Counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee, reported that the Senate Judiciary Committee has had several bills before the Committee relating to condemnation but has deferred consideration of these bills pending the Commission's report. He urged the Commission to complete its study on condemnation and to submit it to the Senate Committee as soon as possible in order to give the Senate Committee ample time to consider the Commission's recommendations.

The Commission has completed tentative recommendations on the following topics:

Study No. 33 - Survival of Actions

Study No. 40 - Notice of Alibi

Study No. 36 - Condemnation Law and Procedure

- (1) Evidence
- (2) Moving Expenses and Incidental Business Losses
- (3) Taking Possession and Passage of Title

Studies No. 48 & 54 - Juvenile Court Proceedings

The Commission may be able to complete its tentative recommendations on two additional topics at the July 1960 meeting:

Study No. 37 - Claims Against Public Officers and Employees

Study No. 32 - Arbitration Law and Procedure

It appears that it may be some time before the Commission has final recommendations on the above listed topics. It is suggested that the Commission consider whether the legislative committees should be contacted now to determine if they wish to hold interim hearings on the tentative proposals of the Law Revision Commission. It would be emphasized, of course, that the proposals are tentative and are subject to change before the Commission determines the final recommendation it will make to the Legislature in 1961.

Respectfully submitted,

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