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## REPORT OF JUDICIAL SALARIES COMMITTEE

Your committee on Judicial Salaries reports as follows:

In co-operation with the committee on Judicial Salaries of the Colorado Bar Association under the able leadership of George P. Steele, its chairman, the campaign for constitutional Amendment No. 1, which took from the constitution of Colorado the power to fix judicial salaries and lodged that power in the State Legislature, was carried to a successful close.

Elaborate and effective plans were formulated and carried out by Chairman Steele and his committee for the campaign in behalf of Amendment No. 1, and your committee worked with the state committee to improve the judicial salary condition, which had been a serious handicap to the state for a great many years.

In the state 134,724 voted for the amendment and 119,060 voted against the amendment; the majority for the amendment thus being 15,664. In Denver 54,859 voted for the amendment and 36,539 voted against the amendment; the majority for the amendment being 18,320. The amendment came to Denver County with 2,656 against its passage.

Your committee believes that one of the most effective efforts of the campaign for the amendment was the speakers' bureau of the committee. It was organized at a dinner given to its members by George P. Steele at the Cactus Club. The members made hundreds of short addresses for the amendment at meetings all through the campaign. All clubs and associations of every sort that held meetings during the summer and fall of 1928 were told about Amendment No. 1 by speakers from this bureau. It was in charge of Fred Y. Holland of the Supreme Court Library.

The bureau of speakers was made up of the following members of the Denver Bar:

Jack Shepard, Floyd Miles, George Crowley, Gustave J. Ornauer, Harold M. Webster, D. D. Keim, S. Arthur Henry, H. M. Humphreys Jr., B. L. Whitehead, James E. Griffith, Harold B. Wagner, A. Sheridan Abel, Robert D. Charlton, Allen Moore, B. C. Hilliard Jr., James A. Wood, Harold W. Perry, Charles J. Kelly, Edward W. Melville, Stanley Johnson, Jacob V. Schaetzl, Robert L. Stearns, James

J. Roach, James T. Burke, Albert J. Gould, Graham Susman, Horace Hawkins, Hamlet J. Barry and Fred Y. Holland.

The people of Denver and Colorado are indebted to these men who worked so constantly and so effectively for the passage of the amendment.

Much was done, too, by every member of this committee. Meetings were held and the work planned so effectively that through this committee and the state committee, Denver came through with a handsome majority in favor of the amendment.

The raising of funds was in charge of the state committee, which obtained the necessary money to carry on the campaign, from the legal profession in Denver and Colorado.

The chairmen of both political parties in Denver County, Joseph P. O'Connell for the Democrats and Leroy J. Williams for the Republicans, aided very materially by marking their sample ballots for Amendment No. 1. This service is here gratefully acknowledged by the committee.

Thanks for this excellent piece of work are due the state committee, the press of Denver, the members of the bar and bench, the speakers bureau and all who assisted in passing this amendment.

HAMLET J. BARRY, *Chairman*  
 FRED Y. HOLLAND, *Secretary*  
 ARTHUR H. FRIEDMAN  
 THOMAS H. HOOD  
 SAMUEL M. JANUARY  
 JOHN LYNCH  
 WAYNE C. WILLIAMS

*April 5, 1929.*

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESS AND BAR

Frequent complaints are made that the Denver newspapers "try" cases, criminal or civil, in their columns long before these matters reach the courts or juries. Complaints are also made that accounts of trials frequently are written from editorial, or theatrical, rather than from a news standpoint. The result, according to critics, is that it increases the difficulty of obtaining a fair trial in Denver, especially in a criminal case of major importance.

Officers of the Bar Association requested this Committee to discuss with the newspaper managements the advisability of