REPORT OF THE ABA MIDYEAR MEETING

The 64th Midyear Meeting of the American Bar Association (the “ABA”) was held February 5 – February 11, 2003, in Seattle, Washington. A wide variety of programs were sponsored by committees, sections, divisions, bar associations, and affiliated organizations. The House of Delegates (the “House”) met for a one and a half day session. The Nominating Committee of the House also met.

The Nominating Committee sponsored a “Meet the Candidates” Forum on Sunday, February 9, 2003. The following candidates seeking nomination at the 2004 Midyear Meeting, gave speeches to the Nominating Committee and to members of the Association present:

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THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House met on Monday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 11, 2003. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 10, 2003. The Chair of the House of Delegates, H. Thomas Wells, Jr. of Alabama, presided.

Opening Business

The American Legion and Auxiliary Post 3 Color Guard, under the direction of Scott Olson presented the colors, followed by recitation of the “Pledge of Allegiance. Rabbi Moshe Kletenik, from the Bikur Cholim Mackzikay Hadath Congregation, delivered the invocation.

The vice-chair of the House Committee on Credentials and Admissions, Richard Pena of Texas, welcomed the new members of the House. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Pena moved that the signed roster of delegates be the official roster of the House’s voting members for this meeting. The motion was adopted.

On behalf of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, Don Bivens moved adoption of the printed Final Calendar as the official order of business of the House. The motion was adopted. Mr. Bivens announced the following dates for receipt of reports for the House’s consideration at the 2003 Annual Meeting:

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For more details of the House meeting, see the following two-part report of the House session. The first part of the report provides a synopsis of the speeches and reports made to the House. The second part provides a summary of the action on the resolutions presented to the House.

I. SPEECHES AND REPORTS MADE TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Report of the Secretary

The Secretary, Ellen F. Rosenblum of Oregon, moved that the Summary of Action from the 2002 Annual Meeting be approved. The House approved the motion.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Secretary Rosenblum presented Report 177A, the Transmittal Report to the House, and Report 177C regarding the Association’s legislative priorities.
Secretary Rosenblum reported on deceased members of the House of Delegates. The House observed a moment of silence out of respect for the deceased delegates.

**Statement by the Chair of the House**

H. Thomas Wells, Jr. of Alabama, Chair of the House of Delegates, introduced the Committee on Rules and Calendar and the Tellers. He referred the House to the printed rules of procedure. He reminded delegates that electronic voting would be used for the sessions of the House.

Chair Wells encouraged the delegates to support the Fund for Justice and Education, the charitable fund that seeks contributions to support the Association’s programs that improve the legal system and educate the public about the role of law in our society.

Chair Wells announced that over the last three years, the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund has awarded sixty scholarships with a total commitment of $900,000 to encourage racial and ethnic minority students to attend law school. To date, the ABA has raised approximately $1.7 million in contributions and pledges to the Fund. He encouraged delegates to continue to support the Scholarship Fund by making a contribution or pledge.

Chair Wells stressed the importance of the House in formulating public policy and encouraged delegates to participate in ABA Day in Washington, D.C., which is an opportunity for delegates to talk to members of Congress about the vital matters affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice. ABA Day in Washington is scheduled for April 29-30, 2003.

Chair Wells announced that at the 2003 Annual Meeting, the House will elect one member of the Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work for a five-year term. The deadline for expressing an interest in seeking nomination is March 21, 2003. The Scope Nominating Committee consists of Chair Wells, as chair; the Board Program Committee chair, Judge Cara Lee Neville of Minnesota; the Scope Committee chair, Alan S. Kopit of Ohio; the Immediate Past Chair of the Scope Committee, Barbara Mendel Mayden of Tennessee; and the Section Officers Conference chair, Amelia H. “Amy” Boss of Pennsylvania.

**Statement by the Treasurer**

The Treasurer, Allan J. Joseph of California, referred the House to his detailed written report, and then reported on the following:

Mr. Joseph commended the fiscal discipline of Executive Director Robert Stein and ABA past volunteer leaders in maintaining the Association’s strong financial base in these uncertain economic times. He particularly commended his predecessor, Earle F. Lasseter of Georgia, for his financial stewardship from 1999 through 2002.
A new format for financial procedures has been adopted that defines costs by function within major categories. Mr. Joseph explained the tables in his written report and the sources of general revenue funds of $94,491,000 available for expenditures and how they are spent.

Mr. Joseph explained the reasons for the proposed dues increase and the steps the Association is taking to deal with the current economic uncertainty: expense reductions preceding the recommendation for a dues increase, investment decisions being made to address the decrease in investment income and the planning over the next three years to meet the challenge of maintaining fiscal soundness.

He addressed the investigation of the Information Systems cost overrun. A full report will be made to the House of Delegates when the investigation is completed. Controls have been put in place to make sure a similar situation does not occur again. Alice E. Richmond, Board of Governors member, H. Thomas Wells, Jr., Chair of the House of Delegates, Karl J. Ege, member of the Standing Committee on Technology and Information Systems, and Marshall J. Doke, Jr., member of the Standing Committee on Audit have been newly appointed to join Mr. Joseph, Saul A. Wolfe, Chair of the Board of Governors Operations Committee, and Wm. T. Robinson, Chair of the Board of Governors Finance Committee, on the Committee investigating the cost overrun.

**Statement by the Executive Director**

The Executive Director, Robert A. Stein of Illinois, referred to his written report and reported on the following:

One way that Mr. Stein is responding to the Information System cost overrun is by assuming Chief Financial Officer responsibilities for the immediate future.

Mr. Stein informed delegates that a fire recently occurred at the Association's new office facilities. The damage was minimal and did not affect the areas into which the Association is moving.

**Statement by the President**

ABA President Alfred P. Carlton, Jr. of North Carolina reported on the following:

There are three principles that are wrapped around the core values that are integral to the rule of law and essential to the purpose of the American Bar Association. The first principle is to protect and maintain judicial independence. An independent judiciary is a uniquely American value and is germane to maintain civil liberties. The Association is involved in the ongoing federal judges appointment process, through the able and hard-working Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, chaired by Carol E. Dinkins of Texas.
President Carlton said that increased pay for state and federal judges is a top priority for the Association, and that the Association supports Chief Justice Rehnquist’s efforts in this regard. President Carlton urged the adoption of Report 303, which supports the recommendations contained in the 2003 Report of the National Commission on the Public Service urging Congress to enact an immediate and significant increase in federal judicial salaries and break the link between Congressional and judicial salaries.

To demonstrate the Association’s commitment to an independent judiciary, President Carlton will convene a Summit on 21st Century Judiciary, co-chaired by Hon. Abner Mickva, IL and Hon. William Sessions, D.C., to explore and report on this issue.

The second principle is to protect core values of the legal profession: independence of the profession. President Carlton spoke about the Association’s response to the recent attempts by the Bush Administration and by state judiciaries to regulate lawyers. The Task Force on Implementation of Section 307 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, appointed by President Carlton and chaired by M. Peter Moser of Maryland, has persuaded the SEC to defer an amendment to a regulation requiring “noisy withdrawal” under section 307 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

President Carlton also reported on the Association’s work to delete the requirement of lawyers giving public notices under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

The Association has embarked on an aggressive public relations campaign to show the public that dialogue and debate on the rule of law is what lawyers do for the system. Recent remarks by President Bush about the entire legal system being responsible for the health care crisis have to be countered and explained.

The third core value is the American way of life. President Carlton stated that our profession must reflect the society it serves and our society is changing in the diversity of our people.

President Carlton also stated that we must protect the fundamental rights of defendants. When individual rights are abused, the system is poisoned. Attorney-client privilege, right to counsel, and due process, are all fundamental values that make America the democracy it is. We must ensure that the death penalty is fairly applied. President Carlton applauded the states that have imposed moratoria on the death penalty until they can be sure it is being applied fairly. Death is the ultimate sanction that cannot be undone. It is our responsibility to protect the core value of American democracy, the values that distinguish America from other systems not like ours.

In summary, President Carlton reiterated that the three fundamental values he discussed must be diligently protected. It is the lawyers’ responsibility to lead the charge and stay the course. He concluded by saying that it is a great time to be an American lawyer.
Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met on Sunday, February 9, 2003. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, C. Timothy Hopkins of Idaho, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee, reported the following nominations for the terms indicated:

**Officer of the Association**

President-Elect (2003-04)

Robert J. Grey, Jr. of Virginia

**Members of the Board of Governors (2003-06)**

**District Members**

District 3: Roberta D. Liebenberg of Pennsylvania  
District 5: Wade H. Baxley of Alabama  
District 9: Daniel W. Hildebrand of Wisconsin  
District 14: Pauline A. Weaver of California  
District 15: M. Catherine Richardson of New York  
District 16: Bruce M. Stargatt of Delaware  
District 17: Burnham H. Greeley of Hawaii

**Section Members-at-Large**

Section of Antitrust Law:  
Phillip A. Proger of Washington, D.C.

Section of Labor and Employment Law:  
Charles A. Powell III of Alabama

**Minority Member-at-Large**

Pauline A. Schneider of Washington, D.C.

**Judicial Member-at-Large**

Judge Norma L. Shapiro of Pennsylvania

**Young Lawyer Member-at-Large**

O'Kelly E. McWilliams III of Virginia
Remarks by President-Elect Nominee Grey

Chair Wells introduced his friend, President-Elect Nominee, Robert J. Grey, Jr. of Virginia.

President-Elect Nominee Grey began by noting that he would keep his remarks brief in light of the time. He then went on to say that he is proud to be from Virginia, home to the Honorable Lewis Powell, the Honorable Oliver Hill and L. Douglas Wilder, the first person of color to be elected governor in the United States. These outstanding lawyers were standard bearers for the principle that all in the United States receive the equal rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Lawyers are the defenders of the rights we have under the Constitution, President-Elect Nominee Grey went on to say. Lawyers are responsible for defending liberty and pursuing justice. The Association should not be perceived as for or against an Administration. As lawyers and defenders of these freedoms in America, we understand that every time our rights are exercised, America wins. We have taken an oath to defend these rights and we, as members of this Association, will carry forward this message.

ABA Task Force on Corporate Responsibility

James H. Cheek of Tennessee, Chair of the Task Force on Corporate Responsibility, presented a report on the status of the work of the Task Force. He referred members to the preliminary report of the Task Force. There will be two sets of recommendations as to the principles of corporate responsibilities regarding public companies, particularly as to Rules 1.6 and 2.3. The Task Force held three public hearings, have received a number of letters, have reviewed law review articles and newspaper and other media articles, and speeches addressing the issues being considered by the Task Force. The Task Force is in the process of offering black letter principles for lawyers to use in addressing the lawyer’s role in ensuring corporate responsibility.

Mr. Cheek also addressed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requirement of “up the ladder.” Mr. Cheek stated that the requirement was similar to Model Rule 1.13. President A.P. Carlton had appointed a Task Force headed by Peter Moser to address the difficulties with Section 307, the reporting out provision in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

The above situation has caused the Task Force to continue its work, which should culminate in a report to be presented at the San Francisco Annual meeting in August.
II. RECOMMENDATIONS VOTED ON BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

A brief summary of the action taken on recommendations brought before the House follows. The recommendations are categorized by topic areas and the number of the recommendation is noted in brackets.

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

[102] On behalf of the Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, Judith S. Kaleta, DC, moved revised Report 102, recommending that the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and Congress take a series of procedural steps to seek faster and more efficient resolution of veteran’s disability claims. The recommendation was approved as revised.

**ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

[302] Prior to consideration of Report 302, a motion to amend the calendar to postpone debate until Tuesday morning, as originally calendared, was made. The motion was not approved and the proponents began preparation for consideration of Report 302 for Monday afternoon.

On behalf of the Commission on Asbestos Litigation, Nathaniel Jones, OH, moved revised Report 302, which supports enactment of federal legislation that would: 1) allow those alleging non-malignant asbestos-related disease claims to file a cause of action in state of federal courts only if they meet the medical criteria in the ABA Standard for Non-Malignant Asbestos-Related Disease Claims dated February 2003 or an appropriate similar medical standard; and 2) toll all applicable statutes of limitations until such time as the medical criteria in such standard are met. Estelle H. Rogers, DC, moved to postpone consideration of the recommendation to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, February 11, 2003. The motion was approved. Many speakers argued the merits of the recommendation, some advocating the need to protect those affected by the diseases addressed in the recommendation, others advocating the need for the federal legislation set forth in the revised recommendation. Robert L. Weinberg, D.C., moved an amendment to the main motion that the proposed federal regulations provide for expedited review by the United States Supreme Court of challenges to the constitutional validity of the statutory scheme. The amendment was not approved. Tom Bolt, St. Thomas, VI, moved an amendment to expand the recommendation to apply to territories. The amendment was approved. President-Elect Archer closed the argument in favor of the recommendation by pointing out the need to have the ability to present the Association’s position during discussions about asbestos-related issues in Congress. The recommendation was approved as revised and amended.
BUSINESS LAW

[301] On behalf of the Section of Business Law, Richard M. Phillips, CA, moved Report 301 urging the Administration and Congress to increase federal support for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The recommendation was approved.

CLASS ACTION

[304] Edward F. Sherman, LA, moved Report 304, which provides that some concerns over class action practice be addressed with federal legislation providing for expanded federal court jurisdiction and recommends that any expansion should preserve a balance between legitimate state-court interests and federal-court jurisdictional benefits. The recommendation was approved.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

[103A] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Neal R. Sonnett, FL, moved to a time certain on Monday afternoon, the consideration of revised Report 103A, adopting the black letter ABA Criminal Justice Standards on Collateral Sanctions and Disqualification of Convicted Persons, dated February 2003, as an addition to the Third Edition of the Criminal Justice Standards, which address issues related to legal disabilities that flow from a criminal conviction over and above the sentence imposed by the court. The motion was approved and the recommendation was subsequently withdrawn.

[103B] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Stephen A. Saltzburg, DC, moved Report 103B urging federal, state, territorial and local governments to evaluate their existing laws, practices and procedures and to develop criteria relating to the consideration of prisoner requests for reduction or modification of sentence based on extraordinary and compelling circumstances arising after sentencing, to ensure their timely and effective operation. The recommendation was approved.

[107] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Legal and Aid and Indigent Defendants, Lawrence J. Fox, PA, moved Report 107, adopting revisions to the black letter ABA Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases, dated February 2003 and recommending adoption of the Guidelines by death penalty jurisdictions. The recommendation was approved.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

[106A] On behalf of the Commission on Domestic Violence, Margaret B. Drew, MA, withdrew Report 106A, recommending that law schools, through their deans, professors, clinicians, curriculum directors and students, incorporate education about domestic violence within their substantive, clinical, and specialty law curricula and law school activities.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (cont.)

[106B] On behalf of the Commission on Domestic Violence and the Young Lawyers Division, Laura V. Farber, CA, moved Report 106B, supporting federal, state, local and territorial legislation that prohibits discrimination in housing against victims of domestic violence and urging all relevant federal, state, local and territorial administrative agencies to adopt and vigorously enforce regulations to combat such discrimination. The recommendation was approved.

ENEMY COMBATANTS

[109] On behalf of the Task Force on Treatment of Enemy Combatants, Neal R. Sonnett, FL, moved Revised Report 109, urging that U.S. citizens and residents who are detained within the United States based on their designation as “enemy combatants” be afforded the opportunity for meaningful judicial review of their status, that they not be denied access to counsel in connection with the opportunity for such review and urging Congress to establish clear standards and procedures governing their designation and treatment. A motion to postpone indefinitely was made. A division of the House was called and the motion to postpone indefinitely failed. A division of the House was called on the main motion. The recommendation was approved as revised by a vote of 368;76.

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

[116] On behalf of the Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, William H. Hoch, OK, moved revised Report 116, recommending standards to assist jurisdictions in developing a homeless court program to address the legal problems of the homeless participants as well as linking them with appropriate services and treatment programs. The recommendation was approved as revised.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

[118] On behalf of the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, C. Elisia Frazier, IN, moved revised Report 118 urging Congress to conduct regular and timely oversight of the government’s use of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (“FISA”) to ensure that FISA investigations comply with the First, Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution. The recommendation was approved as revised.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

[117] On behalf of the Section of Intellectual Property Law, Donald R. Dunner, DC, withdrew Report 117, supporting the enactment of federal legislation to protect an individual’s right of publicity to the extent the individual’s identity is used for a commercial purpose in “commerce”, as defined in Section 45 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1127.

JUDICIARY

[303] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements, Thomas Z. Hayward, Jr., IL, moved Report 303 supporting the recommendations contained in the 2003 Report of the National Commission on the Public Service urging Congress to enact an immediate and significant increase in federal and judicial salaries and break the statutory link between Congressional and judicial salaries. The Honorable Deanell Tacha, U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit in Kansas, spoke in support of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

[115] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the Section of Labor and Employment Law, recommending that Congress enact the Civil Rights Tax Relief Act (H.R. 840 and S. 917) or similar legislation that would provide relief to civil rights and employee complainants to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination, retaliation and employment claims.

LEGAL EDUCATION

[100A] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the Standing Committee on Legal Assistants, granting approval, reapproval and the extension of approval to several legal assistant education programs.

[100B] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the Standing Committee on Legal Assistants, amending the ABA Guidelines for the Approval of Legal Assistant Education Programs, dated February 2003, which reflect changes in terminology, correction of grammatical errors and reorganization of some sections for clarity and to avoid instances of duplication.

[300A] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, concurring with the action of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar in adopting the additions and revisions to the Standards, Interpretations and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools, dated February 2003.
LEGAL EDUCATION (cont.)

[300B] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, concurring with the action of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar to grant full approval to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law.

LEGAL SERVICES

[110] On behalf of the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, Gary A. Munneke, NY, moved Revised Report 110 adopting Best Practice Guidelines for Legal Information Web Site Providers, dated February 2003, to provide direction to those who provide legal information through the Internet. The recommendation was approved as revised.

[111] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel, Richard J. Podell, WI, moved Report 111 adopting the black letter “Model Expanded Legal Assistance Program Rule for Military Personnel”, dated February 2003 and urging states and territories to adopt the model rule in order to provide low-income military service members and their dependents free civil legal assistance and in-court representation by military attorneys. The recommendation was approved.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES

[177B] On behalf of the Board of Governors, Treasurer Allan J. Joseph, CA, moved Report 177B recommending an increase in ABA membership dues of approximately 15%. The recommendation was approved.

RULE OF LAW

[112] On behalf of the Senior Lawyers Division, John H. Pickering, DC, moved Report 112, supporting the United States Constitution as the supreme law of the land and reaffirming its commitment to the doctrine of “judicial review” as a fundamental principle for a nation governed by the rule of law. The recommendation was approved.

SPECIALIZATION

[114] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the Standing Committee on Specialization, granting reaccreditation to several specialty certification programs for lawyers in accordance with the Standards for such programs adopted in February 1993.
TAX LAW

[108] On behalf of the Section of Taxation, Stefan F. Tucker, D.C., moved Report 108, recommending that Section 751(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 be amended by removing the substantial appreciation requirement in order to conform the tax treatment of transactions under Sections 751(a) and 751(b). The recommendation was approved.

TECHNOLOGY LAW

[101] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Technology and Information Systems, J. Scott Miller, WA, moved revised Report 101 urging jurisdictions to participate in the creation of an American universal system of citation for case reports, statutes, administrative documents and other resources upon which the legal profession relies. Tom Bolt, St. Thomas, VI, moved an amendment to include territories in the language of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised and amended.

TERRORISM

[104] On behalf of the Task Force on Gatekeeper Regulation and the Profession, Stephen A. Saltzburg, DC, moved Report 104, supporting and urging reasonable and balanced initiatives designed to detect and prevent domestic and international money laundering and terrorist financing. The recommendation was approved.

TORT TRIAL AND INSURANCE

[105] On behalf of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Francine L. Semaya, NY, moved revised Report 105, urging states to improve procedures for dealing with insolvent insurance companies and to improve the operation of the current state receivership system by enacting legislation and/or adopting regulations. The recommendation was approved as revised.

UNIFORM STATE LAWS

[113A] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the Uniform Parentage Act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2000 and amended in 2002 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.
UNIFORM STATE LAWS (cont.)

[113B] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the Uniform Nonjudicial Foreclosure Act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2002 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[113C] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the Uniform Child Witness Testimony by Alternative Methods Act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2002 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[113D] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the 2002 Amendments to Articles 3 and 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code promulgated by the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws as appropriate Amendments for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[113E] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic-Violence Protection Orders Act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2000 and amended in 2002 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[113F] The House approved the recommendation submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the Uniform Securities Act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2002 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[113G] On behalf of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, King Burnett withdrew the recommendation approving the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (2002) promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[113H] On behalf of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, King Burnett withdrew the recommendation approving the Uniform Apportionment of Tort Responsibility Act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2002 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.
**Closing Business**

Chair Wells polled the delegates as to the preference of the House on the use of electronic voting. The estimated cost for electronic voting is $16,000. The House indicated that it would like to utilize electronic voting to tally its votes.

On behalf of the Association, Louise Michaux Gonzales, MD, moved the resolution of the Association thanking the host committee for the splendid job done in hosting this meeting. The resolution was **approved**.

On behalf of the 2003 Annual Meeting Advisory Committee, John L. McDonnell, Jr., invited the delegates to the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. The California Delegation then sang an invitation to San Francisco to the tune of "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." The House warmly applauded the California Delegation.

On behalf of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, Mr. Bivens moved to adjourn sine die. The motion was **approved** and the House adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2003.