

Whitney North Seymour then rose again to offer an additional amendment, to add two additional clauses to the resolution. The first clause would continue the Association's position that it deprecates the use of marijuana and the second clause would suggest that educational programs be established to discourage the use of marijuana and other drugs. These amendments were approved by voice without debate. The final recommendation, as approved by the House, is as follows:

*Be It Resolved*, That, because of the tendency to punish those who merely experiment with use of small quantities of marijuana and to apply too serious penalties to them, rather than to concentrate on detecting and punishing sellers of the drug, there should be no criminal laws punishing the simple possession of marijuana by users; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That casual distribution of small amounts not for profit be treated as simple possession; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the American Bar Association deprecates the use of marijuana; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That educational programs should be established as widely as possible to discourage the use of marijuana and other drugs which may be harmful.

The final recommendation of the Section, which concerned opposition to H.R. 354 or similar legislation designed to allow a federal income tax credit for tuition paid to any private nonprofit elementary or secondary school, was withdrawn by Mr. Poole on behalf of the Section, in light of the fact that the United States Supreme Court had recently settled this question.

**Action on Assembly Resolutions.**<sup>46</sup> Secretary Burns reported the action of the Assembly on a resolution first presented to the Assembly at the 1972 Annual Meeting and referred by the Assembly at that time to the Section of Criminal Law. That Section had reported to the Assembly at this meeting with a somewhat modified version of the resolution as introduced, and that version, which was identical to a recommendation presented to the House by the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, was approved by the Assembly.

Upon motion of Secretary Burns, the House voted, by standing vote of 120 to 68 and without debate, to concur with the Assembly in approving the resolution to decriminalize noncommercial sexual conduct between consenting adults in private.

Wm. Reece Smith, Jr., of Florida, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Resolutions, reported the action of the Assembly on the eleven resolutions introduced at this annual meeting. He noted that seven of the resolutions were disapproved and two were referred by the Assembly to sections and committees; these nine resolutions did not need to be presented to the House.

<sup>46</sup>The full text of these resolutions appears at page 424.