

of the UCC in order to determine its desirability or to perfect it. This committee considers that the advantages to be derived from an early adoption of the UCC in the District far outweigh the benefits of continued study prior to adoption, and that the UCC with the modifications recommended in this report will provide a satisfactory and entirely workable statute. This, of course, does not mean a statute satisfactory to all or a perfect statute since it is not likely that the UCC will ever achieve universal approval or reach perfection.

The UCC should be the object of continued study by this association both before and after its enactment. It is quite likely that faults in a District of Columbia Uniform Commercial Code will be disclosed by the stepped-up study of it after its enactment and by practical problems arising after its effective date. This association should be alert to discover such faults and to endeavor to obtain corrective legislation without delay. The Rip Van Winkle approach to difficulties in the practical application of uniform acts is outmoded.

This committee is of the opinion that there should be at least 1 year between the enactment date and the effective date, in order to give all interested members of the District of Columbia community ample time to become thoroughly familiar with the code and to make the necessary adjustments. An educational program undertaken by this association during such year would be extremely beneficial.

There will possibly be a strong desire on the part of some to attempt to make substantive or language changes in, or otherwise to tinker with, the UCC as proposed for the District of Columbia. This committee is of the opinion that such changes should be resisted and not made except for extremely sound reason. The UCC represents the results reached by hundreds of lawyers and law professors over a long period of years and after considerable trial and error. It is an integrated statute covering almost the entire field of commercial law. Any change in UCC may very well tend to weaken its effectiveness, lessen its uniformity and destroy its consistency. Until and unless there is good reason to do otherwise, it will be better to make change in the UCC only after the permanent editorial board has had opportunity to review and make its recommendation.

Mr. HUDDLESTON. Without objection, I will also include the First Supplemental Report to the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, by the Uniform Commercial Code Committee of the Bar Association, dated December 18, 1962. (The material referred to follows:)

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE COMMITTEE,
BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
December 18, 1962.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BAR ASSOCIATION

The initial report of this committee, dated September 26, 1962, contained certain recommendations, all of which were approved on October 5, 1962, by the board of directors.

This committee is now in the process of preparing, in accordance with recommendations I, II, and IV, the proposed legislation which is expected to be introduced in the Congress during January 1963.

Recommendation III of this committee was as follows:

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"The report (expected in November 1962) of the permanent editorial board for the UCC with respect to recommended amendments should be reviewed with regard to incorporating such recommended amendments in the District of Columbia Uniform Commercial Code."

This committee has studied the report of the permanent editorial board referred to in recommendation III as well as suggestions made by members and other committees of the association and by other interested persons and organizations. As a result of this study, it is considered desirable that additional modifications be made in the 1958 official text of the uniform commercial code at the time of its enactment for the District of Columbia.

For the sake of brevity, the 1962 recommendations for amendment of the uniform commercial code proposed by the permanent editorial board for the uniform commercial code is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "1962 recommendations"; said permanent editorial board is hereinafter sometimes referred