

At the last session, the only mode by which the Code could be examined was adopted. A committee of thirteen intelligent members was appointed to examine the Code in the recess. This Committee had all the time for examination which has elapsed since the last session, and we are assured they performed their duty faithfully and diligently. The work was submitted by the Commissioners, to the Committee appointed by the last Legislature, in articles as it was printed; and every facility for examination, such as references and conference, was furnished by the Commissioners: and that Committee has reported favorably to the adoption of the Code.

Your Committee would further state, that from the cursory examination of the Code as reported, they believe the Commissioners have performed their duty with ability and accuracy. They have also great confidence in the examination of the Committee of the last Legislature, during the recess.

Your Committee, therefore, respectfully and earnestly recommend to your Honorable Bodies, the immediate adoption of the Code as reported by the Commissioners, and herewith report a bill for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY H. GOLDSBOROUGH,
Chairman of the Committee;
THOMAS J. MCKAIG,
J. H. GORDON,
JAMES T. BRISCOE,
EDWARD LONG,
JAMES W. MAXWELL,
D. W. NAILL.

Which was read.

Mr. Yellott submitted the following Minority Report:

The undersigned, one of the Select Committee appointed to examine the reports of the Codifiers of the laws of this State, dissents from the Report made by the majority of said Committee, for the reason that he has had no opportunity to examine the provisions of the Code now proposed to be adopted.

The volumes of general and local laws were laid on the desks of the members on yesterday, January 9th, and the undersigned had never before an opportunity even of seeing such codification of the local laws. Understanding that the Codifiers have not merely *arranged* the laws already existing but have also, in some instances inserted amendments, the undersigned desires the opportunity of ascertaining what these