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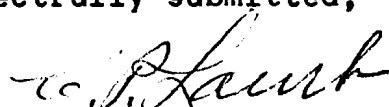
To Members of the Forty-sixth General Assembly:

Under direction of House Joint Resolution No. 1024, 1967 regular session, the Legislative Council appointed a committee to conduct a one-year study of the public records maintained by state and local agencies to determine which classes of records should be made available to the public and which should be maintained as private or confidential. The report of this committee, including a draft of suggested open records legislation, is submitted herewith.

The committee submitted its report and draft of the proposed bill on November 27, 1967, at which time the report was accepted by the Legislative Council for transmittal to the General Assembly.

The Legislative Council requests that the Governor include the committee's recommended bill among the items for consideration by the General Assembly during the Second Regular Session.

Respectfully submitted,


Representative C. P. (Doc) Lamb
Chairman

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Representative C. P. (Doc) Lamb
Chairman
Colorado Legislative Council
341 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your committee appointed to study open records submits the accompanying report, containing a draft of suggested open records legislation.

The committee's report indicates that there is a need for legislative action to establish guidelines for determining which records should be available to the public and which should be held confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Representative Ray H. Black,
Chairman, Committee on Open
Public Records

RHB/mp

FOREWORD

Under direction of House Joint Resolution No. 1024, 1967 session, the Legislative Council appointed a committee to study the public records in state and local agencies to determine the records which should be open to public inspection and those which should be closed. The members of the committee appointed to carry out this assignment were:

Representative Ray H. Black,
Chairman
Senator Ruth Stockton, Vice
Chairman
Senator George L. Brown
Senator Ed Scott
Representative Don Friedman

Representative Palmer L. Burch
Representative Bill Gossard
Representative Harold L. McCormick
Representative Kenneth Monfort
Representative Lowell E. Sonnenberg
Representative Ronald H. Strahle
Representative Ted L. Strickland

Representative C. P. (Doc) Lamb, chairman of the Legislative Council, also served as an ex officio member of the committee.

During the course of its one-year study the committee held six meetings. Three of the meetings were devoted to hearing from representatives of the news media and of state and local agencies, who expressed their respective views on open records legislation in light of Senate Bill 217, 1967 session. The other three meetings were devoted to committee policy decisions in an effort to construct an effective open public records bill.

Janet L. Wilson, senior research analyst for the Legislative Council, had primary responsibility for the staff work and bill drafting services for the committee, with the aid of Bettyann Brooks, research assistant.

November 27, 1967

Lyle C. Kyle
Director

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