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Of particular interest to all lawyers is the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States dealing with the disability of the President and the performance by the Vice President of the duties of the President as "Acting-President" during such disability. The amendment also provides for the appointment of a Vice President to fill a vacancy existing in that office. This proposed constitutional amendment represents the concerted effort of outstanding constitutional lawyers in this country acting through the facilities of the American Bar Association. The history of our country demonstrates the need for such an amendment. All of the lawyers of West Virginia are urged to write their Congressmen in support of the proposed constitutional amendment. After it has been adopted by Congress, all of us will have to use our best efforts to see to its ratification as speedily as possible by our State.

Another area which is demanding our immediate attention is that highlighted by the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Brotherhood Case involving our sister state of Virginia. This decision affected adversely the enforcement of the Canons of Professional Ethics and our work to prevent the Unauthorized Practice of Law. Since it appears that "security" dominates the thinking of the American people of today, we find more and more areas in which associations, corporations, and others are soliciting legal business and offering "cut-rate" legal services for its members. Even the much heralded War Against Poverty presents many dangers to the legal profession in this regard. All West Virginia lawyers must be vigilant in being on the lookout for and reporting promptly the soliciting of law business and the giving of advice on legal matters by associations, corporations, and others.

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