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to take such steps as may promise to bring it about,
and to present the matter to the attention of the
Committee on Legislation, of the Five Years Meeting,
viz.; Benjamin P. Moore, Miles White Jr., Samuel A.
Hear and Thomas Mackenzie.

Then adjourned,
John Barry, Clerk.

11th mo 18th, 1910

Report stated meeting of the Permanent Board of Bal-
timore Yearly Meeting held Eleventh month 18th, 1910 -
18 members were present.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed in Third month last, con-
cerning the form of oaths used in United States courts,
made the following report. The report was approved
and the Committee continued.

REPORT TO PERMANENT BOARD OF BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS (ORTHODOX).

BALTIMORE MAY 9th, 1910.

At a meeting held this day, of the Committee of the Per-

manent Board of the Baltimore Yearly meeting of Friends (Ortho-
dox) in the matter of Oaths it was decided to adopt the fol-
lowing as the form of a Bill to be presented to the Congress
of the United States.

A BILL.

TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED
STATES IN RELATION TO OATHS.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America, that Section 1 of the
Revised Statutes be amended, by adding to the words "The re-
quirements of an Oath shall be deemed complied with by making
affirmation in judicial form", the following clauses:

The form of the Oath which may be taken or administered
in the Courts and elsewhere under the laws of the United
States shall be as follows:-

1. "In the presence of Almighty God, I do
solemnly promise (or declare), etc." And it
shall not be lawful to add to any oath the
words "so help me God" or any imprecatory
words whatsoever.
2. The manner of administering oaths shall
be by requiring the person making the same
to hold up his hand in token of his recogni-
tion of the solemnity of the act, except in
those cases wherein it shall appear that some
other mode is more in accordance with the re-
ligious faith of the swearer.

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