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To the Members-Elect of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1933:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Report of the Constitutional Commission appointed by me pursuant to Resolution No. 36, Public Laws of 1931.

Under that Resolution the Commission was empowered to suggest "such amendments to the Constitution as they shall deem necessary or expedient, or in lieu thereof to submit in said Report a proposal for a redraft of the Constitution of the State." You will note that the Report adopts the second alternative and takes the form of a rewriting of the Constitution as a whole.

This Commission is composed of three of North Carolina's ablest judges: W. P. Stacy, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Chairman, John J. Parker, Senior Circuit Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and Michael Schenck of the Superior Court; of four of the leaders of the North Carolina bar; George E. Butler of Clinton, J. O. Carr of Wilmington, Burton Craige of Winston-Salem, and Congressman Lindsay Warren of Washington; of one of the State's best informed fiscal administrators, Allen J. Maxwell, State Revenue Commissioner; and of Clarence Poe, editor and humanitarian. Its members have been diligently at work on this task for more than a year.

I am confident that this is the most thorough-going and constructive revision of the Constitution ever produced in the history of North Carolina. I commend it to your serious consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) O. Max Gardner, Governor.