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TO: George Heliker, Chairman, Public Health, Welfare, etc.  
Re: Proposal #45 Joint Hearing with Bill of Rights Committee

Voluntary subcommittee (of one)

Report by D. A. Scanlin

The summary substance of the joint hearing is found in paragraph two, page 3 of written testimony presented by Steven F. Coldiron:

"It has become more widely accepted that public assistance benefits are a matter of right and not privilege. The U.S. Supreme Court in Goldberg vs. Kelly, 397 U.S. 254,262 (1970) stated: "It may be realistic today to regard welfare entitlements as more like "property" than a "gratuity". Further on, the court says "Public assistance, then, is not mere charity, but a means to "promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

The conclusion would appear to be that the courts are doing a real good job in implementing the intent of the "plethora of programs" dealing with the current welfare problems. There would seem to be no Constitutional justification of Proposal #45.

Respectfully submitted,

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