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DISCUSS REPORTING OF BOOTLEGGERS

TO VOTE ON PLAN OF DRYS

Washington Real Estate Move on Speakeasies Considered Here

DORAN TELLS OF 'UNDERSTANDING'

Informal discussion of the novel dry law cooperative plan introduced in Washington was held today at a meeting of the Trenton Real Estate Board at Hotel Sterling.

The Washington Real Estate Board has arranged with the prohibition authorities to report all speakeasies and bootleggeries found in buildings under its jurisdiction. The Trenton board members discussed adoption of a similar plan at the meeting today, but took no action. However, the matter was not shelved and will be up for decision when the Trenton board holds its regular business meeting the second Thursday in February.

Harvey Hulse, secretary of the local board, said no overtures on the subject have been received from prohibition officials and that today's discussion of the plan evolved simply from the publication in the morning papers of the action of the Washington board. The discussion was entirely informal, Mr. Hulse said, but the plan to help wipe out speakeasies will likely be put to a vote at the February business meeting.

Officers of the New Jersey Association of Real Estate Boards, with headquarters in the Trenton Trust Building, reported that they have not been approached by the Federal prohibition authorities on the cooperation scheme.

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Washington Evening Star today quotes Prohibition Commissioner James M. Doran as saying prohibition authorites have an "understandng" with real estate boards in various cities looking toward cooperation with the government in reporting any speakeasies that might be found in properties under the board's jurisdiction. Such an arrangement with the Washington Real Estate Board is now in effect.

Doran further was quoted as saying the understanding provided that property owners and realty dealers exercise "care and diligence with respect to leasing of property to tenants" and that in return dry officials "will bring to the attention of the owners and dealers instances of law violation before launching proceedings with a view to padlocking the premises."

The Commissioner also was quoted by the Star as saying that while he had not had an opportunity to study details of the Washington Board's plan that he understood it went farther than that approved by any other similar organization in meeting the padlock problem by eliminating violations.

John A. Petty, executive secretary of the Washington Board. Today reiterated the board's action was designed solely to protect realtors and their clients from the "effect of bootlegging operations" and form the "serious consequences of padlocking." He added he had wired Harry H. Culver, president of the National Association of real estate boards, explaining the action.

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