

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2350**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, by striking all in lines 7 through 12; in line 13, by striking all before the period and inserting "moving, concealing, harboring or shielding from detection an alien with knowledge or reckless disregard of the fact that such alien has come to, entered or remains in the United States in violation of the law in exchange for anything of value"; in line 14, by striking the colon; by striking all in lines 15 through 18; in line 19, by striking "(C)"; in line 27, after "(c)" by inserting "The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to:

(1) Transporting, moving, concealing, harboring or shielding from detection an alien that is expressly permitted by federal law; or

(2) a religious denomination with a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the United States or the agents or officers of such denomination or organization that encourages, invites, calls, allows or enables an alien who is present in the United States to perform the vocation of a minister or missionary for the denomination or organization in the United States as a volunteer who is not compensated other than the provision of room, board, travel, medical assistance and other basic living expenses if the alien has been a member of the denomination or organization for not less than one year.

(d) (1) The determination of whether an alien has come to, entered or remains in the United States in violation of the law shall be made by the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c). No state, county or local law enforcement officer shall independently determine whether an alien is present in the United States in violation of the law.

(2) A law enforcement officer or agency shall not consider a person's race, color or national origin when enforcing this section.

(e)"; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson