

House Given Magistrate Reforms Bill

GOP Introduces
Measure, Scranton
To Call for Support

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The full weight of the Scranton administration was thrown behind remedial legislation to reform the Philadelphia magistrates' setup Monday when the bill was introduced in the House of Representatives under the sponsorship of the Republican leadership.

Reps. Kenneth B. Lee (R., Sullivan) and Edwin D. Eshleman (R., Lancaster) proposed the measure, based upon recommendations made in a lengthy report by the Department of Justice. Lee is Republican leader of the House, Eshleman is GOP whip.

The bill, House 1982, was assigned to the Committee on Judiciary (special), headed by Rep. Charles D. Stone, a Democratic attorney from Beaver county.

SCRANTON APPEAL

The report of the months-long investigation was discussed at a luncheon meeting of the House and Senate Republican leadership, at which Gov. William W. Scranton presided. The Governor is expected to issue a strong

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personal appeal for support of the legislation on Tuesday.

The probe, conducted by former Special Deputy Attorney General Arlen Specter, now Republican candidate for District Attorney of Philadelphia, was triggered by disclosures in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* late last year. PHILA. INQUIRER

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