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(THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE)**

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The Report of Executive Committee followed the President's Address at the nineteenth Annual Meeting of the National Fire Protection Association. The following is an excerpt of the Executive Committee's Report addressing the development of the National Electrical Code:

*"The Executive Committee regrets to learn that the privilege of voting in the public meetings of the Electrical Committee which for twenty years the Committee has extended to all persons interested in the compilation of the National Electrical Code has been abused to such an extent as to warrant a discontinuance of this privilege[.]"*

Even in 1915, commercial interests were apparently involved in attempting to influence the content of safety standards for business purposes through the standards development process.

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