

"He (O'Malley) can really lead you down a primrose path with the stories he tells," the deputy drawled in conclusion. ☐ *clndy 1-11-17-79*

## Here Comes Class K Again

County supervisors this week agreed to a presentation and public hearing on recommendations presented by the county's Alternative Building Standards Committee on the volatile issue of "class K" housing.

The committee issued their report earlier this year, but the board then put off hearings until the county's growth management plan was completed. Supervisor Gary Patton returned the issue to the board.

Patton, in bringing the issue to the board, noted the board has received more than 2000 individual written comments in support of the alternative standards. One "class K" resident estimates there are at least 3000 such dwellings dispersed throughout the county.

Board members Marilyn Liddicoat and Dan Forbus made it clear their considerations of alternative standards would be based on their being applied to developers and owner-builders alike.

Liddicoat said she didn't want a double standard set up for owner-occupied dwellings. If the standards are changed, she said, they should be "across the board."

Hal Levin, chairperson of the Alternative Standards Committee, told the board only about a half dozen of their recommendations would require changes in the building code. The remainder would be in policy changes in environmental health.

Supervisors agreed to set a committee presentation for February 6 (1:30 pm) to be followed by a public hearing on the topic. ☐