

# FAKE ANIMALS SUBSTITUTE FOR MANGER SCENE

Residents of Howard County, Indiana that were hoping to see a manger scene on the lawn of the county courthouse were disappointed this past Christmas season. Instead, they got a lighted display of the Loch Ness Monster, a whale and other animals. From the pictures we saw, the lighted whale was our favorite.

Commissioner Tyler Moore defended the exercise of censorship by offering up this explanation: "If we put the religious or Christmas decorations up, we'd be offending a whole other group of citizens and taxpayers."

It's not that easy. What if some were offended because all of the lighted animals were oversized? Would they feel obliged to include small lighted animals? No, of course not. We appealed to our members to inform Commissioner Moore that either he include a lighted ant, or the display should be taken down. Since all it takes in America anymore to veto the rights of the majority is for one person to object, then those who are anti-ant should not have been allowed to get away with venting their bigotry.

Of course, an ant never was included and the other animals remained through Christmas.