

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson, do you desire
2 to speak in favor of the amendment?

3 DELEGATE JOHNSON: I do, Mr. Chairman.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: You may proceed.

5 DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, and ladies
6 and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole, I want to
7 assure Delegate Wheatley that when I vote for this amend-
8 ment, that I am not voting against equal opportunity in
9 education for all, but I am voting against what I consider
10 to be a pie-in-the-sky platitude, that at best is unen-
11 forceable and at worst dangerous and misleading.

12 I don't believe that the amendment is any help.
13 I think that it is virtually the same. In discussing
14 the amendment "promote", we took a consensus on this side
15 of the room as to what the word "promote" means; and we
16 determined that it means to be provided by law.

17 Now, I didn't believe that until I looked at
18 Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, and the most
19 applicable definition of the word "promote" is, "to help
20 bring into being"; so I suggest that the consensus that
21 we reached is correct, that it does in fact mean to be