

1 I would just like to remind the Committee of
2 the Whole that very recently we adopted a committee
3 recommendation, that we had an equal protection clause
4 in our own Constitution and I would think the intent of
5 the protection clause should be the minimum, that all laws
6 of the state apply equally to all men of the state and I
7 would think this is the intention of this amendment.

8 I would suggest that you adopt it.

9 DELEGATE JAMES: Does anyone wish to speak against
10 the amendment?

11 Delegate Weidemeyer.

12 DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I would
13 like to state briefly that I am opposed to the amendment.
14 This matter has been before the lawyers for several years
15 and it has been argued pro and con and some of the lawyers
16 who were opposed to this in our Constitution have been
17 down before the Legislature trying to get them to pass
18 a Constitutional amendment to take it out, but the
19 majority have always prevailed, I think, and we have
20 left it in our Constitution.

21 It has been in there over a hundred years, and