

1 would hate to see the time come when future office holders
2 of this state are asked before they take the oath, are
3 you going to take the oath with reference to the Deity
4 in it or out of it and have newspaper stories say that
5 Governor Elect so and so will take the oath without
6 reference to God, or that the Governor so and so will take
7 it with God in it.

8 I don't think this is a matter that we ought
9 to put in the Constitution. I respectfully urge you to
10 support the amendment, and leave the oath in essentially
11 the form it is in the present Constitution.

12 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Weidemeyer.

13 DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President, I hope
14 this amendment is defeated. The only reason given for it
15 is that somebody somewhere has expressed some doubt.

16 I have no doubt of a Supreme Being and I have
17 no doubt of the fact that I should have this in here, and
18 if it is going to be taken out, I suggest that we not do
19 it at this late hour, but have some judge in the future
20 who doesn't want to believe in God and wants to spring
21 him from this place in the Constitution. Let him do it.