

1 concept, as defined in Schowgurow and Torcaso, and it would
2 be my belief, after you read this particular opinion, and
3 it can be obtained from the Attorney General's Office,
4 and I will be pleased to furnish every member here who will
5 ask for a copy with a copy of it, but I think it will com-
6 pletely answer all the questions that have been requested of
7 the Chairman, Mr. Boyer, with relationship to the applica-
8 bility of the affirmation, and whether or not as a substitute
9 for the belief in a Divine Being. It is covered in this
10 particular article, and the answer is in the affirmative.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: I think for purposes of clarifica-
12 tion of the record, Delegate Blair, it might be desirable if
13 you would indicate what you meant by your last statement,
14 that the answer is in the affirmative.

15 DELEGATE BLAIR: That the affirmation would en-
16 compass an oath taken by a atheist.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: In other words, that the oath, or
18 the taking of the oath, did not impose a condition that
19 the person elected or appointed to office believed in
20 the Supreme Being?

21 DELEGATE BLAIR: That is correct, sir.