THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Would the Chairman of the Committee be good enough to explain the significance of the decision of the Supreme Court today, Whitehill versus Elkins, upon this situation? Does the majority opinion forever lay to rest the Ober oath?

THE CHAIRMAN: Before the Chairman answers that question, let me state simply so that the official transcript will show it, that the Supreme Court of the United States this morning handed down its opinion in the case of Whitehill versus Elkins, No. 25, October Term, 1967. The majority opinion delivered by Mr. Justice Douglas and the minority opinion delivered by Mr. Justice Harlan, with whom Mr. Justice Stewart and Mr. Justice White concurred, have been reproduced, and copies are on the desk of each delegate. The opinion and suit dealt with the requirement that a teacher at the University of Maryland take an oath required by the Maryland statute, commonly referred to as the Ober Act.

Delegate Boyer has had a copy of this opinion for somewhat longer than the remaining delegates, and he