

1 A preamble should contain a purpose and philoso-
2 phy. We studied the preambles of all of the Constitutions
3 of the States of the United States, and we found
4 out that all of them either had a purpose or a philosophy.

5 The last phrase denominates the preamble as a
6 Constitution, and to contradict our good Delegate Hardwicke,
7 he says that we took his form, "do ordain and establish
8 this Constitution." We had 11 Constitutions that we
9 finally selected as ones that we would give consideration
10 to, and out of the 11, 11 of them end with that expression,
11 "and ordains it with a Constitution," or "denominates it
12 as a Constitution," with the expression, "does establish
13 and ordain this Constitution." So then in the Constitution
14 that is presented to you, we have not the thoughts of just
15 one person, but the thoughts of the entire committee taken
16 from the numerous preambles that were presented to us.

17 I suggest that you accept this preamble. It is
18 based on historical precedent. It contains ideas from
19 people all over the State, retains some of the language in
20 our previous preamble, and reflects the serious attitude
21 of the delegates on the preamble committee who prepared it.