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2 DELEGATE BENNETT: May I come forward to the
3 rostrum?

4 THE CHAIRMAN: We haven't been permitting that
5 on the amendments, Delegate Bennett. Is there a special
6 reason for it?

7 DELEGATE BENNETT: No, sir.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

9 DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman and Ladies and
10 Gentlemen of the Convention:

11 I have introduced this pro forma amendment in
12 order that I and perhaps others may wish to explain their
13 views with regard to the meaning of the freedom of religion
14 on declaration.

15 I do not wish to provoke controversy or divisive-
16 ness here in this Convention which has so far succeeded in
17 maintaining an atmosphere of good will and understanding.
18 I do not think, however, that we can be true to our
19 trust and leave a question of such surpassing importance
20 without an opportunity to discuss it.

21 It is, as you know, on the controversial issue