

1 to say that every member of this committee recognized the
2 colorblind principle, fully and completely, and felt that
3 if they could find language which would state adequately
4 and correctly the principle of colorblindness, in this
5 Constitution, that they would do a great service to the
6 state.

7 We sought in meeting after meeting to arrive
8 at adequate language which would express the colorblind
9 principle.

10 We considered the language of the draft Consti-
11 tution prepared by the Commission. That language was
12 very similar to that proposed by the minority report. It
13 went a little bit further. It talked about the state, its
14 political subdivisions, and then it talked about no dis-
15 crimination by governmental action.

16 However, a majority of the committee felt the
17 language, governmental action, was uncertain and that
18 it didn't do anything different from what the case law of
19 the 14th Amendment did.

20 I think I should say also that nearly half
21 the committee felt that the problem of discrimination was