

1 of this Convention is to erect a charter of state govern-
2 ment that would take the lead and allow us to take the
3 lead in certain areas, rather than always being
4 required to fall back upon the Federal Government to
5 vindicate liberties and achieve progress.

6 I suggest the amendment sponsored by the minority
7 is an instance of where this state could set an example
8 to the other states and to the Federal Government, and
9 for once furnish an example of the state taking the lead
10 in an area of human liberties, rather than always
11 following.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

13 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Mr. Chairman, I yield the
14 balance of the majority's time to Delegate Hostetter.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hostetter, you have
16 five minutes.

17 DELEGATE HOSTETTER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
18 gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole, I think we have
19 heard enough about state action and I certainly agree
20 with Delegate Hardwicke when he says that we did labor
21 long and hard to try to make this a colorblind Constitution,