

1 DELEGATE MITCHELL: I am going to ask the others  
2 who have agreed to speak if they will speak in the un-  
3 controlled time.

4 I would like to call on Delegate Sickles for  
5 the last minute.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sickles.

7 DELEGATE SICKLES: Mr. Chairman, I rise in  
8 support of the amendment and it seems to me that there are  
9 essentially two purposes for the amendment. I think it  
10 offers hope in an area where hope is needed, and I think  
11 it offers clarity in an area where clarity is needed.

12 If one were to go into the community where this  
13 amendment would have the most impact, and read to him  
14 the expression, equal protection of the laws, or the  
15 expression due process, I am not sure if it would be  
16 clearly understood.

17 But if one would say, in the Constitution we  
18 have banned discrimination because of race, color, reli-  
19 gion or national origin, then I believe that it would  
20 be understood.

21 At a time in history when hope is needed, let us