

1 every one of the definitions concerns itself with one or
2 two things. These are either emphasis on ritual, or an
3 emphasis on the belief in God.

4 There are large numbers of people in our society
5 who neither believe in God nor belong to a ritualistic
6 church. In using the word "creed" we are also able to
7 extend protections under this area to those persons who
8 have a general set of principles or beliefs. The princi-
9 ple or belief is not tied directly to belief in God or
10 following the specific tenets of a ritualistic church.

11 With that, I will offer the amendment.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer.

13 DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, this is the
14 beginning of letting in all of the various odds and ends,
15 and this is the opening of Pandora's box. I had not ex-
16 pected to speak very strongly against the amendment
17 offered by Delegate Mitchell, because I think we all
18 agree as to what her purpose is.

19 She spoke eloquently and I thought very effect-
20 ively in favor of equality of races and lack of discrimina-
21 tion. I don't think anyone has any question as to her