

1 that right?

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer.

3 DELEGATE KIEFER: No, that is not quite correct.
4 What I said was, and what the committee report says, was
5 that the equality, "no person shall be denied the equal
6 protection of the laws," applies to all persons.

7 Now, there have been concerted efforts in
8 Congress for a good many years to provide a separate
9 amendment with respect to sex, and I think the reason
10 for it was to particularly eliminate any probable con-
11 fusion.

12 Now, these questions do not come up under the
13 equal protection clause. The language that would be used,
14 which has been offered in this Constitutional amendment,
15 was equality of rights under law shall not be denied on
16 account of sex, and what that exactly would mean I am
17 not sure, but it seems to have been a consensus of opinion,
18 at least in Congress, and as a matter of fact in various
19 other state areas, that this should be the subject of some
20 special kind of arrangement, not just thrown in this equal
21 protection thing.