

1 This particular amendment would include language
2 that is not justiciable. How would we know who is an indi-
3 gent person? What is a socially deprived person? What
4 are we talking about here?

5 The law is supposed to be equal for all
6 people, and I am certain that you all will agree with me
7 that there is no basis for setting up a distinction because
8 of economic status or social status.

9 I frankly don't see how this can be put into the
10 same category with race or color or national origin, and I
11 would certainly hope -- we have to draw a line and keep
12 this thing on the basis on which it started out to be,
13 namely, equal protection of law for all people.

14 By adding reference to particular groups as to
15 economic status which is not definable, we get into hope-
16 less confusion and make a mockery of this provision.

17 I therefore strongly recommend that you vote
18 against this amendment.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire
20 to speak in favor of the amendment? Does any other dele-
21 gate desire to speak in opposition?