

1 state action could ever achieve and to put it in our
2 Constitution is to delude the people who most need it. I
3 urge strongly that you delete this Section 9.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer, do you desire
5 to speak to the amendment?

6 DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
7 gentlemen of the Committee, we have put in this Consti-
8 tution the right of labor to organize. I don't know why
9 we would not put in this Constitution the right of people
10 to have, or at least to state the policy of this state,
11 that people in this state shall have economic security.
12 This doesn't guarantee them anything. It does state a
13 policy. It is not unlike policies that are stated in
14 other state constitutions where the state simply recognizes
15 that it is simply concerned about the welfare of the
16 people. It is true, as Delegate Scanlan says, that it
17 is a matter of policy. It doesn't make the welfare
18 state. This doesn't do anything of that sort, but I
19 think for us to leave out any reference of our concern
20 about the general welfare of our people and their right
21 to life, liberty, and dignity is something that we ought