

race, color, religion or national origin, then I believe that it would be understood.

At a time in history when hope is needed, let us give hope, and at a time in an area where clarity is needed, let us also give clarity.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boileau, do you desire to offer your amendment Y?

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will distribute amendment Y. This will be Amendment 3A to Amendment No. 3. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 3A to Amendment No. 3, by Delegates Boileau, Borom:

On page 1 of the amendment in line 6 strike out the word "religion" and insert in lieu thereof the word "creed".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been submitted by Delegate Boileau and seconded by Delegate Borom, the Chair recognizes Delegate Boileau to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, we are concerned here primarily with one word, obviously, the word "religion".

In Webster's dictionary, religion, each and every one of the definitions concerns itself with one or two things. These are either emphasis on ritual, or an emphasis on the belief in God.

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

With that, I will offer the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, we hope that this is not the beginning of letting in all of the various odds and ends, and this is the opening of Pandora's box. I had not expected to speak very strongly against the amendment offered by Delegate Mitchell, because I think we all agree as to what her purpose is.

She spoke eloquently and I thought very effectively in favor of equality of races and

lack of discrimination. I do not think anyone has any question as to her sincerity or her purpose nor do I believe any of us want to do other than what she thinks and says in this regard.

However, now we come to religion, and then I expect old age, then I expect sex, then I expect economic status and social status and on we go.

Now, I believe we have covered fully, effectively and completely the question of religion and creed in section 2. I would therefore strongly urge not only that you eliminate the word "creed" but I would make the amendment that we eliminate the word "religion" from this.

Let us keep this discussion on the question of color and racial discrimination. I have no objection, no real objection if it will psychologically help the people of that minority race in their feelings to put in here this lack of discrimination clause on race, color or national origin.

I do object strenuously to adding anything else. I therefore hope this amendment will be defeated, the amendment to the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other delegate desire to speak to Amendment 3A? Or in favor of Amendment 3A?

Delegate Mitchell, do you desire to speak?

DELEGATE MITCHELL: Mr. Chairman, I think I have already spoken to it in my opening address.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

Ring the quorum bell, please.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 3A to Amendment No. 3. A vote Aye is a vote for the Amendment 3A, a vote No is a vote against Amendment 3A.

This does not affect the question of Amendment No. 3 itself, just the adoption of the Amendment 3A. A vote Aye is a vote in favor; a vote No, a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 31 votes in the affirmative, 94 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment to the amendment is rejected.