

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 111 votes in the affirmative and 9 in the negative, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

Are there any other amendments to Article 9?

Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. President, I have waited for an amendment to have been printed, which was submitted at least half an hour or forty-five minutes ago, to section 9.01 pertaining to the oath. It is a very simple amendment. It was submitted once before under another reading.

THE PRESIDENT: Amendment Q, has it been printed?

Amendment Q, the Chair has a typewritten copy. It is in the print shop. It will be perhaps fifteen minutes, maybe ten, before it is back. It would amend section 9.01 on page 47 in line 10, to strike out the phrase, parentheses, "In the presence of Almighty God", close parentheses. Is there any objection to considering the amendment, notwithstanding the fact that it is not printed with the understanding the printed amendment will be on your desk very shortly? Is there any objection?

The Chair hears none.

DELEGATE NEILSON: Mr. Chairman, I do not think I understood when you repeated what was stricken out. I think, although I am against the idea that Mrs. Cardin is presenting, but to get it properly on the floor, should we not have to go back to line 9 and strike out the explanation?

THE PRESIDENT: I take it that that would be necessary. In line 9 strike out the phrase —

I am sorry. It could remain as applicable to the words "or affirm" even though it was not there originally. The Chair suggests we could make better time to act on it. The amendment is easily understood: line 10, page 47, strike out the parenthetical expression.

Is there any objection to considering the amendment, notwithstanding the fact that it is not printed?

The Chair hears none. This will be Amendment No. 8. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment 8 to Report S&D-18 by Delegates Cardin, Koss,

and Marion. On page 47, section 9.01, Oath, in line 10 strike out the following: "(In the presence of Almighty God)".

THE PRESIDENT: I would like to make an announcement before we consider this. The chief page advises me that the reprinted pages for those pages of this report which were blank on the copies of some delegates are here. They can be distributed. To avoid confusion, when I ring the bell, will every delegate who has any blank page put on his red light and leave it on and the pages will then know who is missing a page. We will come to you and supply you with the correct ones. The pages are 19, 31, 24, 36, 28. Instead of using the roll call lights, Mrs. Marx tells me she can pick it up just as easily if you will put on your signal light. Put on the light that you signal for a page if you are missing any of those page numbers. Put your light on and leave it on until the page has given you the new sheets.

Delegate Sybert.

DELEGATE SYBERT: Mr. Chairman, I suggested sometime back that page 42 is also missing, and you said you would add it to the list.

THE PRESIDENT: That is one of the numbers included, 42.

Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I am missing 49, Mr. Chairman.

THE PRESIDENT: 49 is also reprinted, I understand.

Correction. It has not been reprinted.

Amendment No. 8 submitted by Delegate Cardin, seconded by Delegates Koss and Marion.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Mr. President, fellow delegates, I will not take up much of the valuable time of this Convention.

I would just like to make three points since we have been through this ground before.

First, in checking with three or four constitutional attorneys who are not involved with this Convention, I have found that there still is a doubt as to the constitutionality of this particular clause. Not that it will affect the Constitution itself, but it would affect this particular oath.

Second, we had struck out Article 37 that required no religious test other than the