

1 No person shall by any law be molested in
2 his person or estate on account of his religious per-
3 suasion or profession or for his religious practice or the
4 lack thereof.

5 No person shall be disqualified from holding
6 public office or rendered incompetent as a witness or juror
7 because of his opinion on matters of religious belief.

8 As proposed by the Committee, Section 3 reads,
9 No law shall be enacted respecting the establishment of
10 religion. No person shall be restricted in the free
11 exercise of religious profession and worship, nor shall
12 any person be disqualified from holding public office or
13 rendered incompetent as a witness or juror because of his
14 opinion on matters of religious belief.

15 MR. MARTINEAU: I have a question. I would
16 like to inquire of the Committee why they did not include
17 in their draft language specifically recognizing the right
18 not to worship. I think one of the difficulties we have
19 had with the present Articles on religion is that some
20 people have interpreted the right to religious freedom
21 doesn't include the right to be non-religious. I think