

1 MRS. FREEDLANDER: No, sir.

2 MRS. BOTHE: Do I understand that the amendment  
3 was merely, people, period; or people of the State?

4 MRS. FREEDLANDER: People of the State.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: People of the State.

6 Mr. Gentry?

7 MR. GENTRY: I speak in favor of the Committee's  
8 draft. I think it is necessary to consider Section 1  
9 and 2 together in looking at the Committee's draft and  
10 realize what the purpose of the, of these two together  
11 are. Certainly, if you look back at the old Article VIII,  
12 which started out, The General Assembly at its first  
13 session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall  
14 set up a system of education. It would be inappropriate  
15 now that we have this long standing system to use such  
16 language as that. However, we felt that education was a  
17 matter of such importance, perhaps the most important  
18 governmental function, certainly the most important when  
19 it comes to spending, that inasmuch as education does  
20 occupy this position, we felt it was worthy of some  
21 general language although it departs from the terseness