

1 that aid which was granted to religious institutions of
2 higher learning was unconstitutional under the Federal
3 Constitution. That case is up on appeal, and we deal with
4 it neither pro nor con. We feel that the Constitution
5 should be limited in its affirmative statements to public
6 education, but after having given some consideration and
7 doing some research on the subject, we do not feel that
8 the language proposed would preclude a continuation of
9 aid to private institutions so long as the courts will
10 permit it.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: We are not thinking of the
12 language. I am trying to get the principle. What is the
13 position of the Committee on the principle?

14 MRS. BOTHE: That there should be no reference
15 to aid to private education in the Constitution. That
16 is our position.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: But by having no reference, you
18 mean to leave it to the Legislature to provide aid to
19 private institutions?

20 MRS. BOTHE: If it so desires.

21 MRS. FREEDLANDER: If it is constitutional.