

a denial of equal protection of rights discriminating between secondary and elementary school pupils as opposed to those in higher education. Isn't that exactly what you have done?

MS. FREEMAN: Delegate Lockridge, would you or a designee respond for the committee, please?

MR. LOVE: I am sorry. We provide for a free uniform public education up until age 18 or until the 12th grade. The state is providing that. It is not discriminating against anybody.

After that age, it is possible that it will take the state several years for the university to develop medical schools, law schools, certain kinds of technical schools. We will allow the state, under this provision, to send students by giving them some sort of subsidy to go to a local medical school or to go to a local law school until such time as the state might develop its own law schools and medical schools.

But it has no discrimination because the state provides up to secondary education. I don't know if Mr. Kameny made it clear. I want to make it clear to you that if you vote of Mr. Cooper's amendment, you are voting for tuition tax credit. That is exactly what this section forbids.

This section forbids the kind of tuition tax credit that certain people tried to get on the ballot and tried to

get passed. If you delete this section, then you will allow tuition tax credits. It's very simple.

MS. FREEMAN: Is there anybody opposed to this? Delegate Corn. I mean in favor of the Cooper amendment. I'm sorry.

MS. CORN: I have a question I would like to ask the committee.

MS. FREEMAN: Yes.

MS. CORN: Okay. In the City of New York there are three very specialized public high schools. One is for art and design; one is music and art; and one is the Einstein School of Science. Now, I don't have any children and so I'm not as knowledgeable as many of you are in this room about the public education offered in the District currently.

Okay. I know that we have a school here specially like for kids who are good in drama. But do you have a school that's especially for kids in sciences?

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Yes, we do. Ballou.

MS. CORN: Is there one especially for the kids, not drama but like music and art and sculpture?

MS. LOCKRIDGE: The school of performing arts, Duke Ellington.

MS. CORN: These are all public schools?