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P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. HARRIS: We are going to begin listening to Delegate Mildred Lockridge of the Committee on Education and we would like her to begin reading this article into the record.

Delegate Lockridge.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

Fellow delegates, on behalf of the Committee on Education I will read to you the article on education being presented to you tonight for adoption.

"Section 1. Provision for Education. A. Recognizing the distinct and unique heritage of its diversified citizenry, the State of \_\_\_\_\_ is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of cultural integrity and the promotion of equality of opportunity for every individual to develop to her or his full potential and so provides herein.

"B. The State shall guarantee equality of educational opportunity in the public schools and other public educational institutions to all residents regardless of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, handicapping condition and other individual characteristics and may be sued for default of this guarantee. The Legislature shall provide penalties for any individual who violates this guarantee.