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The body held the clauses were in their proper form and voted to include them. The clause has to do with doctrinal guarantees in the use of the properties given or subsidized by the convention or its predecessor, the Hawaiian Baptist Mission.

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Baptist Press Cutlines

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