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Submitted by the Committee on Public Instruction
on September 21, 1934.

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Public Instruction, after a careful consideration of all the constitutional proposals referred to it, has the honor to report to the Convention that it recommends the incorporation in the Constitution of the attached proposals on education. Your Committee wishes to state that its members are divided on the question of whether a Department of Health, distinct from and independent of the Department of Education, should be created or not; so, for this reason, it leaves the determination of this question to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) RICARDO NEPOMUCENO
Chairman Committee on Public Instruction

The Honorable,
The President of the
Constitutional Convention

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATION

Art. 1. There shall be a Department of Education.

Art. 2. The State shall establish and maintain a complete and adequate system of public education primarily conducted in the English language.

Art. 3. The State shall provide for a universal citizenship training course for every able-bodied citizen of the age of eighteen years or over for purposes of physical, mental, moral and conventional instruction and rehabilitation.

Art. 4. The State shall protect and preserve works, remains or relics of cultural, historic, artistic, or scientific value.

Art. 5. Instruction in at least the public primary schools shall be absolutely free.

Art. 6. Upon adoption of a national language, it shall be taught in the public intermediate schools.

Art. 7. The public schools shall be free from sectarian teaching or propaganda.

Art. 8. Free scholarships, through competitive examination, shall be granted by the State, province and

municipalities to enable students of exceptional ability, who are of good moral conduct and character but are without sufficient resources, to continue their studies in courses higher than primary. The number, duration and extent of these scholarships shall be determined by law.

Art. 9. All private institutions of learning shall be subject to the laws of the State.

Art. 10. No educational institution engaged in teaching Filipino citizens shall have more than one-third of its faculty or board of trustees who are foreigners; and where its president or director is a foreigner, there will be a vice president or assistant director who is a Filipino citizen and who shall participate in the determination of educational policies and objectives.

Art 11. Nothing subversive of law and order, degrading to the reputation and character of the Filipino people, or destructive of their unity shall be taught or encouraged in any school, college or university.

Art. 12. The University of the Philippines shall constitute a public trust to be administered by the existing corporation known as the University of the Philippines with full powers of organizing its government.

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