

lieve that the people interested in education will set an example after all we have gone through in brevity in arguing the interest of one million children in the State.

I feel that this is a good amendment. I want to thank the minority for the approach that it has made. That was a very difficult motion to vote against. I accept it and accept it gracefully because it is a combination of the language of the majority and of the minority, and I think we can work everything else out all right. I call your attention to the draft constitution about the appointment of the state superintendent. The people do feel that that office will become political. I refer my friend, Dr. Winslow, to probably the most stringent and most definite requirement that the State Board and the state superintendent of schools of Nebraska be in the constitution. I refer also to New York and others. I believe, sir, that it would be better and safer and more consoling and comforting, if you please, to the people of the State, if this were in there.

I realize what you have done to the others, and I respectfully ask your support and that we hurry up and get this thing over with. We have taken the first part. Let us take this one, and then get on to the other business.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kirkland, will you take the floor to answer a question?

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Yes, I will.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mentzer.

DELEGATE MENTZER: Delegate Kirkland, in addition to clarifying who will appoint the state superintendent of schools, does this amendment also require that board members will be lay persons and not professional educators?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: It is the intent that they be lay members, yes, indeed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mentzer.

DELEGATE MENTZER: I would be very glad to support this amendment. I see no harm in it at all.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kirkland, the Chair is puzzled by your answer. I am not sure that I heard you. Did I understand you to say it is the intent of this amendment that the members of the board be lay persons?

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: In fact, when I asked the amendment to be prepared, I did ask that the lay go before the governing board. Actually, the intent was also to amend that situation so as to make it clear that it was to be a lay board. That is what I prefer, yes, indeed, sir. Could I amend that by inserting "lay" before "the" in the amendment?

THE CHAIRMAN: You mean in line 4?

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Right, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to the modification of the amendment in the manner suggested?

DELEGATE JAMES: Yes. I object.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is objection. The amendment as the Chair reads it does not affect the character of the board. It goes to the character of the state superintendent; is that correct, Delegate Kirkland? I should not say the character. Never mind.

Is there any further discussion? Delegate Kathleen Robie.

DELEGATE ROBIE: Mr. Chairman, I voted for the last amendment because the minority had finally come around to the main part of the majority's thinking, that we need a State Board of Education, and hoping that I would have a chance to support an amendment putting in the state superintendent of schools appointed by the Board of Education.

The reason for this has been said many times, but I do know of many states where their superintendent is so embroiled in politics that it is quite detrimental to their system.

I think that when our superintendent makes a decision, it should be with the thoughts of what is best for our children in his mind, not how the governor will think and how the next election will turn out.

I would urge you to support this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell. The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Committee Recommendation GP-6.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 2. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.