

1 We are dealing first of all with existing
2 language. The existing Constitution contains 139 words
3 that can be directly attributed to the subject of educa-
4 tion. The Majority has indicated that they have been im-
5 pressed and pleased by the progress of education and want
6 this progress to continue in the future, and yet this
7 radical departure from the existing constitutional frame-
8 work has not been explained at all. Indeed, Section 5,
9 which the questions from the Floor have indicated is
10 rather inscrutable, is almost as long and the single sec-
11 tion is almost as long as the entire language in the
12 existing Constitution on the subject of education.

13 We feel, we of the Minority feel that we are
14 continuing in the tradition of the existing Constitution
15 in the language that is more adaptable to present day
16 needs.

17 Before getting into the specific language of the
18 Minority Report and the objections to the Majority, I
19 would like to read a quote which I think sums up to a great
20 degree the position of the Minority, and this quote was
21 written by a group of educators from the State Department