

1 into the Constitution, and part of the thinking seems to be
2 that this is a constitutional reward to be offered to
3 boards that have existed for a long time and have apparent-
4 ly done their job quite well. Delegate Wheatley said that
5 local boards have been in existence since 1826, and they have
6 stood the test of time, and the same is true with the
7 State Board of Education, which has stood the test of
8 time; and therefore its powers and responsibilities should
9 be set out in the Constitution.

10 We submit that this backward-looking approach
11 of testing a setup and a statute for a while and then mov-
12 ing it along and graduating it, to use an educational
13 term, into the Constitution is a dangerous one and will
14 frustrate to a great degree the intent, I am sure, of the
15 educators of this State, because it will allow them no
16 further flexibility.

17 Now, I want to talk for a minute about the
18 relationship between the State Board and local boards.

19 It has been suggested that this is a "delicate
20 balance". The Majority agrees or has suggested it is a
21 delicate balance, but the Minority feels the balance would