

1 DELEGATE BLAIR: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gen-
2 tlemen, we have had a State board of education, with a
3 State superintendent of schools since 1916, and the duties
4 of the State superintendent are completely spelled out in
5 Article 77 of the Code, and he has been a very effective
6 and efficient person in connection with the operation of
7 the State board. I think it is very fundamental to the
8 effective operation that this board be appointed by the
9 governor and that the State superintendent being appointed
10 by the board is an integral part of the whole system of the
11 operation. If the State board at all has been successful,
12 I think the enstrumentality of its success has been the
13 functioning, with the expert personnel of the board and the
14 specific specialties, who is an ancillary part of that
15 board and an important and integral part of that board,
16 who is the State superintendent of schools.

17 I think it is important that this not be deleted
18 in any way and that the time never comes when the adminis-
19 tration of government would decide to substitute some other
20 method of operation, rather than having State superinten-
21 dent. I think we can guarantee this feature, if there is