

DELEGATE PULLEN: I stand upon that, and I give you as my argument the facts that I just gave you comparatively. Comparatively the provision of education —

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen, this time is precious.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I realize that, sir. I apologize.

Let us come back to the statement. You have the compliment of the report that the State Board has operated well, but free from politics. May I ask you, in writing your argument, did you realize that in 1864 the Constitution of Maryland provided for a State Board of Education and a state superintendent, and that they were both abolished by another Constitutional Convention in 1867, which was called rather conveniently, and further that there was no State Board of Education, and the state superintendent was abolished in 1868, one year later, that there was no state superintendent as an individual office until 1900 and then only in a minor way; and further, that the State Board of Education and the state superintendent were more or less impotent until 1920? Did you realize that when you wrote your report? This was fifty-three years, Delegate Lord.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: We have waited here three months.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let us confine ourselves to questions.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Excuse me.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: I was certainly aware of the bulk of that, and I am glad that you completed my history on the subject. I do not see that this is relevant at all. I think all educators from the state system and the local system in this State that appeared before our Committee testified that the system has worked well. We agree. We also agreed with the great bulk, and I must say that this is being favorable to the majority because I do not remember any such witnesses testifying that the section had to be five times as long as the existing language and also roughly five times as long as the language in the draft constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mentzer.

DELEGATE PULLEN: One more question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen, no, sir. The Chair will recognize you if there

is any time. The other delegates are entitled to their questions also. Delegate Mentzer.

DELEGATE MENTZER: Delegate Lord, my question may be irrelevant, and it may even be improper. I am not sure if you are married or not, but do you have any children in the public schools of Maryland?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: The answer is no.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Frank Robey.

DELEGATE ROBEY: Delegate Lord, for the record, the present Constitution of Maryland states that the General Assembly shall provide by law for a thorough and efficient school system throughout the State. The Majority Report uses the phrase, "the General Assembly shall provide for a state-wide system." However, the commission draft says that "the State shall provide," and I notice in the minority that you also used the term "the State shall provide."

I wish you would explain the difference as you see them between the two terms.

DELEGATE LORD: I will certainly try to do that.

In coming up with the language, we read carefully the debates of the Commission on this subject, and the report of miscellaneous provisions committee, when it reached the full Convention, and it had the language, "the General Assembly shall provide by law."

On a motion, the word State was substituted, and this motion carried twenty votes to one vote; and the basis, in the discussion, was that education really is a state responsibility and not a responsibility only of the General Assembly.

Some thought that if the language, "General Assembly", were left in this would not be made clear.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Robey.

DELEGATE ROBEY: The second question which also borders on the nature of being for the record, is that you and I have had discussion in the last few days about one specific phrase which I think many of us in this Committee were very much interested in, and yet I did not hear you say anything about whether or not you intend to include that particular phrase, "a governing board appointed by the governor."

I wish you would comment on it now for the record, please.