

1 Twenty years ago there were only eight superintendents
2 in the nation who were appointed by boards of education.
3 Today there are twenty-three of them. They have moved
4 that far along, that twenty-three states have seen fit
5 to organize the way we are, with the board of education
6 either appointed or elected and they in turn select a
7 superintendent, and this gives a lot more security, a
8 lot more stability, and I favor this.

9 Now, the other step would be to maybe even
10 move further ahead and set up the fourth branch that
11 some of you are referring to, operating on its own as
12 an independent agency. If this were done, certainly
13 you would have to have, I would think you would have
14 to have an elected board of education because, somehow,
15 you have to get back to the people. The people have
16 to have all of the control. As it is now, the Governor
17 is elected and the Governor appoints our board members,
18 but I think if you are going to set up a fourth branch,
19 you certainly would want to have the board members
20 elected possibly by the public and they in turn would
21 select their superintendent and operate the school