

1 it because, as Dr. Pullen pointed out, not in recent  
2 times, but in times past the State school funds in other  
3 states where they didn't have this constitutional pro-  
4 tection have been diverted to other uses. It's easy to  
5 get money for public schools and appropriations. You get  
6 a big appropriation and then if you proceed to divert it  
7 or amend the budget to transfer it, and the legislature  
8 can do this, this is not good; and you may say, well,  
9 why protect the public schools?

10 Well, I think that the point here is if the  
11 legislature appropriates funds for the operation and  
12 maintenance of public schools, we should make sure that  
13 those funds are used for that purpose and, if there is  
14 a surplus, it ought to revert to the State. It ought  
15 not to be diverted.

16 We do have surpluses each year because, as  
17 Dr. Pullen pointed out, we cannot estimate accurately  
18 what it is going to cost to operate the public schools  
19 throughout the State, as far as State aid is concerned.  
20 Sometimes we have a million dollars surplus, sometimes  
21 two, but that goes back to the State. We only spend for