

1 entirely with the Committee and on principle, the
2 Governor ought to have exactly the same control over
3 the State Superintendent of Schools as he would over
4 any other executive officer of the department of the
5 executive branch. However, I think this is one of
6 those cases where logic must yield to other and I
7 think more compelling reasons. We have here, as
8 indicated by Mr. Power's comments, an area where the
9 decision of the best method of selecting the superintendent
10 by other states varies widely. You haven't any clear
11 preponderance in favor of any one method except that
12 the elected method is used more widely than any other.
13 This, I think, reflects what has certainly been true
14 in Maryland historically and that is that the people
15 have regarded education and the Department of Education
16 as if not something except, rather nevertheless something
17 that should be very carefully guarded, free from
18 politics and reserved to the power of the people. I
19 think the effect of the motion here would be to reserve
20 to the Legislature the power to decide whether the
21 Superintendent should be an elected official which I