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Senator Talmadge, the co-sponsors of S. J. Res. 32, and I are all working for the same principles -- the preservation of the rights of the States and adherence to the Constitution as written. We differ, however, as to the wisdom of proposing an amendment to the Constitution to clarify the right of the States to control education.

It is my opinion that the Constitution is already quite clear on this subject. The word "education" is not mentioned in the Constitution, and the Tenth Amendment reserves to the States all powers not specifically delegated by the States to the Federal Government. I do not believe that the Supreme Court, any agency, or any individual can change the Constitution except by the method provided in the Constitution. What is primarily needed today is to stop the members of the Court from arbitrarily substituting their own personal ideologies for the Constitution and the law.

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