

the authority for Adult Basic Education to the U.S. Commissioner of Education. Congress authorized the appropriation of 40 million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1967—but only 30 million dollars were actually appropriated. This has created a situation where many states will have to curtail, yes, even shut down Basic Programs that have been so difficult to recruit and build over the last eighteen months. If Congress in January was able to act swiftly and restore the 10 million cut from the original authorization it would enable many states to continue this Program through the fiscal year. Experience has shown that to drop the Program at this time will make it most difficult to start it again in July 1967.

Mr. GIBBONS. We appreciate very much the information you have given us today. It has been very helpful. I cannot say any more than just thank you very much for this.

Mr. Scheible, we appreciate very much the hospitality of the college here today, and all that you have done for us. We know it has been a long day for most of you, having to sit here all day. We appreciate it. We hope we will be back in Maine again soon.

(Whereupon, at 5 :20 p.m. the hearing was concluded.)