

Mrs. GREEN. I think here I should put in a commercial the Congress authorized a few hundred million dollars for the Higher Education Facilities Act more than was recommended to us by the Office of Education. We felt the needs were much greater.

Dr. HUDSON. Yes. And I would like to help you with that.

You have programed for the future increasing education needs, which we think we will be able to match and use very effectively.

Mrs. GREEN. What is your view on categorical aid versus general aid?

Dr. HUDSON. For instance?

Mrs. GREEN. In higher education, originally the Higher Education Act, as you know, said that the funds could only be used for certain categories of academic buildings.

Dr. HUDSON. Oh, we are much in favor of the amendments that were accomplished through the 1965 Higher Education Act. This gave an even break across the board to the arts and the other segments of valuable education subjects, academic subjects, and did not restrict the aid to just science, mathematics, engineering, and this sort of thing. This was a considerable improvement, and this helped us a great deal.

Mrs. GREEN. In the State of Georgia, and if you have knowledge of the other five States in this area, what is your comment on the reservation of funds for junior colleges? Is this desirable, or not? And if it desirable, is the percentage correct?

Dr. HUDSON. We have no quarrel with the percentage, and in our State particularly, the public segment is establishing junior colleges at what could be called a pretty rapid rate, and the help that they have secured through a 40-percent grant rather than the one-third has been very constructive on their part.

We have no quarrel with the two categories, the public community college and the remainder of your higher educational institutions.

Mrs. GREEN. Are your responsibilities limited to the Facilities Act?

Dr. HUDSON. Yes.

Well, we also are responsible for title VI, under the 1965 act, part A, the equipment branch, and this we have just been working with now, of course, since last spring. This program is moving well, and has been oversubscribed. We have lost no Federal funds. We have utilized all that were available to us.

Mrs. GREEN. Turning to the guidelines, what is the timelag between the enactment of the law and the time when the guidelines and the rules and regulations are in your hands, or in the hands of the commission?

Dr. HUDSON. If I may, I will answer that in this way. We knew that the rules and regulations were being changed last summer, in July. The actual changes were not received by us in an official form until November.

We had prepared, using the original tentative regulations, a revised State plan, but we had to hold this until the official regulations came out, because we didn't want to act with unofficial information.

Mrs. GREEN. Were these rules and regulations which governed the action of your people from the 1st of September?

Dr. HUDSON. Yes.

Mrs. GREEN. And you did not receive them until November?

Dr. HUDSON. This is correct.