

Mrs. GREEN. Do you think that there is any way that this procedure could be speeded up by the Office of Education?

Dr. HUDSON. Madam Chairman, I don't know what their procedure is, to get these regulations approved, but apparently, they will go, I will say, "upstairs," and it floats around somewhere in a nebulous state, apparently.

This is my own viewpoint. The people that I deal with, the people that I pick up the telephone and talk to, to get answers to my problems—I get answers from them, but they seem to be helpless in trying to speed the regulations through, because it moves to some other level. I speak particularly of Mr. Morris and this College Facilities Branch. They are most helpful and cooperative in perfect measure.

Mrs. GREEN. Have you or have members of the commission ever been consulted on the drafting of the rules and regulations, or the guidelines?

Dr. HUDSON. Yes, ma'am; we have.

Mrs. GREEN. At what point are you consulted?

Dr. HUDSON. We are consulted I think fairly early in the process. They want our viewpoints. They want our reactions as to how to improve the program.

I am perfectly satisfied with this relationship.

Mrs. GREEN. Is it your judgment that this is the policy that is followed across the country, that the State commissions are called in?

Dr. HUDSON. Yes. The executive secretaries and members of these State commissions.

The program has been in effect, and now we are in our third year. We have had two national meetings, and this was an effort on the part of this College Facilities Branch section to get information to the working groups at the State level. Very helpful.

Mrs. GREEN. In your particular job, do you see any evidence of this new profession of grantsmanship?

Dr. HUDSON. Not in our particular program, because we work with the institutions and assist them in preparing the grants.

Our major problem is that of all of us: read the instructions.

I have had grant applications come in, and the institution did not even put its own name in. This is ridiculous. You don't need professional help for this. You simply need to carefully take the time to prepare the applications. I know of no instances in Georgia where, under the title I program, professional help has been employed, other than the architects who develop the plans which serve as a basis for many of the calculations necessary in the grant application.

Mrs. GREEN. Does the small college or university, with limited resources and personnel, have the same opportunity to get grants or loans under the Higher Education Facilities Act as do the much larger institutions with great financial resources?

Dr. HUDSON. Well, except for the limitations of money, the opportunities are there, but if the small institution does not have its two-thirds necessary, then, of course, it is in trouble. And this is the reason for our comment. Somewhere in the long run of this program, we have got to be looking to improvement of quality through construction.

Mrs. GREEN. In Georgia, do you have a variation on the percentage amount of Federal funds? Or do you have a flat amount?