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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Atlanta, Ga.

The subcommittee met at 9:25 a.m., pursuant to adjournment, in room 318-20, U.S. post office and courthouse, Mrs. Edith Green presiding.

Present: Representatives Green and Erlenborn.

Present also: Representative Flynt, and Maurice Heartfield, professional staff member.

Mrs. GREEN. The meeting will come to order.

This morning we have, as the first witnesses, officials from the Georgia State Department of Education: Dr. DeFoor, representing Dr. Nix; Dr. George Mulling, Director of Vocational Education; and Dr. Robert Beemon, Coordinator for title I.

STATEMENT OF DR. JOE T. DeFOOR, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, GEORGIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dr. DeFoor. Madam Chairman, I am before you on the direction and instruction of Hon. Jack P. Nix, State superintendent of schools.

I assure you if I had had my wish, Mr. Nix would have been before you in person, but this is biennium budgetmaking time in Georgia. In accordance with a previous engagement, he and the associate State superintendent of schools are today briefing some important members of the 1967 General Assembly of Georgia which convenes in January 1967. He requested me to convey his regrets to you.

Complying with the committee's request, it is my purpose to supply you with some information concerning our experiences, especially at the State level, in dealing with the U.S. Office of Education that may help you identify some areas of concern.

However, I feel it incumbent on me to mention to this committee some factual statements concerning the current status of public school education in our State.

During the past 4 years in particular the General Assembly of Georgia, the Governor of the State of Georgia, the State board of education, the State department of education, our professional education associations and civic groups, have been taking a serious look at our public school education program. Under the leadership of these groups, every hamlet of Georgia has heard the story that public schools