

So in the beginning, perhaps, it would not; but with a program of guidelines developed, it might develop along the same lines.

Mrs. GREEN. Congressman Erlenborn.

Mr. ERLNBORN. You mentioned some of the difficulties that you have had with changing regulations and rules and forms, and so forth. Have you been contacted by, or are you familiar with some of the commercial services that are now being offered by, oh, say, Commerce Clearing House, or Prentice-Hall, to give you a looseleaf annotated service with the guidelines and forms and so forth?

I understand that these commercial services are now being made available.

Mr. BEEMON. Available to State people, or to local people?

Mr. ERLNBORN. Anyone that wants to buy them.

Mr. BEEMON. Well, I am not too familiar with that.

Mr. ERLNBORN. I was wondering if you felt that something more could be done by the Office of Education, in furnishing not just the directives and the forms, but annotated compilations, so that you would know which is the latest form, and what changes have been made in regulations, and so forth.

Mr. BEEMON. I believe that my office is advised and kept up with what the latest forms are, and if we do not get sufficient copies of them from the U.S. Office, we have them duplicated or printed and promulgated among the local educational agencies.

I don't really believe that we have a problem in that regard.

Mr. ERLNBORN. This is not a problem?

Thank you very much.

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you very much, Mr. Beemon.

We are very pleased to have now with the committee several representatives from school board associations.

I believe that the representative of the Tennessee School Board Association—and forgive me if I do not pronounce your names right—is Mr. Brewer; Mr. Acree from the Georgia School Boards Association; Mr. McLaurin from South Carolina and M. Bement from the Kentucky School Boards Association; and Mr. Vittetow, the superintendent of schools in Kentucky.

Is Mr. Entwistle here?

Would you come up, too, and join us?

I will ask permission for inclusion in the record at this point of a telegram which I received yesterday from a board of education in Arkansas, and a letter from the Virginia School Boards Association.

(Documents referred to follow:)

STUTTGART, ARK.

Congresswoman EDITH GREEN,
Congressional Hearing Chambers,
Old Post Office Bldg., Atlanta:

Because of late notice the Stuttgart, Ark. School Board cannot send witnesses to appear before your committee, although we desire to do so. If under committee rules this telegram may be considered, this school district objects to the basic concepts of the Commissioner of Education's guidelines for the following reasons:

1. The HEW agency is withholding or threatening to withhold funds because of refusal of districts to confirm to undeviating language in their published forms, thereby threatening to deprive children of funds voted for their use without a determination as to whether the district is in fact desegregating.