

I had intended, Madam Chairman, if I may be permitted to digress here just a moment, to press very strong personal appreciation to the chairman of this committee for her very strong interest in the educational welfare of the youth of this Nation, and her strong and continuing acknowledgment of the fact that the Congress of this country has a responsibility there, also.

The average daily attendance of Cobb County schoolchildren increased from 9,904 in the school year 1952-53 to 35,511 in 1966-67. This abnormally large increase is the result of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Air Force plant No. 6; Dobbins Air Force Base; U.S. Naval Air Station—all of which are located in Cobb County.

The Federal Government has removed from the tax rolls of Cobb County 10,000 acres of land. The total bonding capacity was completely exhausted in 1961, with many schoolchildren not properly housed. The Cobb County school system is heavily dependent upon Federal funds for maintenance and operation as well as housing.

Madam Chairman, the Federal program in the next eight or 10 pages is set forth, and if I may go to the following page, I will conclude.

(Pages referred to follow:)

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Public Law 874

The following funds were received by the Cobb County School System under Public Law 874 for maintenance and operation:

1960-61	\$486,330.53
1961-62	444,081.00
1962-63	613,983.00
1963-64	743,222.00
1964-65	772,284.00
1965-66	1,036,674.00
Total	4,096,574.53
Estimated total, 1966-67	1,250,000.00
Estimated grand total	5,346,574.53

Public Law 815

The following funds were received by the Cobb County School System under Public Law 815 for buildings:

1959-60	None
1960-61	None
1961-62	None
1962-63	None
1963-64	\$152,709.00
1964-65	830,964.00
1965-66	434,300.00
1966-67	1,797,173.00
Total	1,435,944.00
Estimated additional funds for 1966-67	536,000.00
Estimated grand total	1,971,944.00

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I

In 1965-66 the Cobb County School System received the following funds under Title I:

Summer Reading Program	\$152,000.00
Library Books (approximately)	150,000.00
Head Start Program	45,000.00