

tors of this region because in this coming congressional session, we of necessity will be considering amendments to practically all of the educational legislation that has been passed in previous Congresses. This really is the first time we have had any field hearings on the legislation.

Prior to this we usually only heard from the national organizations and people who come to Washington, and for that reason the identity of the particular area people are from and their detailed problems were not available to us, nor at that time had anybody had any experience with the legislation while now many of us have 2 years' experience.

Even though there may be just two of us here, we will be keeping a transcript of what is said, and other members of the committee will turn to us to find out what you people were thinking. So we will be carrying the message to our colleagues, and I think this is going to be your opportunity to engage in the legislative process for this coming year.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve in this way, too, and I will assure you that I believe the attitude is such, not only between Congressman Brademas and myself, but of other members on the committee that there is a deep concern of people of both parties that we need to have the best possible legislation in order that we can have the best possible education in the country so there won't be any extreme partyism in the approach to education legislation.

Mr. BRADEMAS. I would like very strongly to second what Al Quie has just said, that our common concern is excellence of education for as many of the people of our country as possible.

May we call first on Mr. Hosch, the director of the regional office of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

If you have statements, we will be grateful if you will give them to Mr. Radcliffe of our committee.

**STATEMENT OF MELVILLE H. HOSCH, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF  
REGION V, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND  
WELFARE**

(The prepared statement of Mr. Hosch follows:)

PREPARED STATEMENT OF MELVILLE H. HOSCH, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF REGION V,  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: My name is Melville H. Hosch. I am Regional Director of Region V of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which includes the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. As the administrative head of the Regional Office, I am responsible to the Secretary of the Department for leadership and coordination of all Department programs. I have been the Chicago Regional Director since 1955. My statement to the Subcommittee, attached, is largely devoted to aspects of Regional Office program coordination, with special emphasis upon the role and contributions of Regional Office of Education staff.

I am very pleased to be able to respond to your Subcommittee's invitation to comment on the administration of Regional Offices of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, with special reference to inter-relationships with Regional staff of the Office of Education and to the processes of coordination of Department programs.

In the sixteen years I have served in the Office of Regional Director, I believe I can say that at no previous time have the opportunities and challenges facing Regional Offices been greater. This is partly because many of the functional