

Mr. TRIPLETT. Yes.

Mr. DANIELS. What has it been in the past, say, 1960 to 1965?

Mr. TRIPLETT. In respect to this?

Mr. DANIELS. Prior years?

Mr. TRIPLETT. Well, the \$1.25 and \$1.50, as I recall, has been pretty well in effect since along about 1958. I think that is correct. We established what we call a minimum foundation program and this pretty well followed that program.

Mr. DANIELS. As I understand your testimony, the State school board makes recommendations to local boards of education as to what books it recommends to the school authorities for use in the public schools?

Mr. TRIPLETT. Well, the State Textbook Commission selects from the bids received from publishers lists and approves as many as 10 books for each subject in a grade, providing that many are bid and are considered suitable. Then it is up to the local districts to make their selection from the State multiple lists.

They can select as many as three different texts for each subject in any grade.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Chairman, I didn't quite understand that answer.

You speak of multiple lists. Who are those people making the multiple lists?

Mr. TRIPLETT. It is a commission that is appointed by the State board of education upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction. The commission is divided roughly this way: five members are elementary teachers, two members are either superintendents or supervisory, and one member represents higher institutions of learning where they have a teacher-training program.

Then the superintendent of public instruction by law is a member by virtue of his office.

They are appointed for a term of 4 years. Two terms expire each year and two are appointed or reappointed, most times reappointed.

Mr. BELL. Are they typical of the general view of the Congress that these books should describe American life in a fair manner?

Mr. TRIPLETT. I believe they are. We had a meeting this past Saturday and that problem was discussed. So far as I know they are. I think they are trying to find materials that would meet those conditions.

Mr. BELL. They understand that is the intent of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act?

Mr. TRIPLETT. That is my impression.

Mr. DANIELS. You believe these textbooks meaningfully describe minority racial views and gives a broad comprehensive view of American life?

Mr. TRIPLETT. I presume that the Commissioner of Education answered that probably better than I could, Mr. Chairman. I have not made too much study of this, but my impression of the publishing people is, that it is the trend to make the books so they give the minority groups more recognition. At least, we think we are doing that.

Mr. DANIELS. Could you furnish this committee with the names of some of the textbooks utilized in your schools, the elementary as well as the secondary grades?

Mr. TRIPLETT. I can do this when I go back to the office. We have social studies up for adoption which includes the histories for elemen-