

in effect, indicted all the other teachers of the Nation by saying that we need this program called the corpsmen in order to get that dedication.

Mr. HOWE. No, I don't think we need the program as the only basis for that dedication.

But the fact is, as you will recognize, that we have serious shortages of teachers and particularly serious shortages of teachers who are trained to do the job in the places where the Teacher Corpsmen are going.

I certainly agree with you, Mr. Quie, that there are large numbers of teachers who have the same kind of dedication that Teacher Corps trainees have, and who are doing the jobs in the schools. But there are not enough. There isn't enough independent effort on the part of teacher training students to get this particular type of training to work in these places.

What we have here is indeed a small program but apparently from the feedback we are getting an effective program to meet those needs.

Mr. BELL. May I ask a question at this point?

Do you also involve the teaching or training of teachers to work in preschool education?

Mr. HOWE. Some of these people will be working in preschool education.

Mr. BELL. I understand that is a great shortage today.

Mr. HOWE. This is also a shortage area. But again, in preschool education, they are working with deprived children.

I might go ahead and outline for you the amendments which we propose to the Teacher Corps program.

I have already mentioned the point of wanting to move this into the elementary and secondary amendments.

Secondly, we have learned from the first year of experience that service and training are motives for those interested in the Teacher Corps. The appeal is not financial. Because teacher interns are trainees and are not full-fledged members of the teaching staff we are requesting a change in the compensation rate for teacher trainees.

The present graduate fellowship programs of the Office of Education provide a weekly stipend plus an allowance for each dependent. The amendment would provide compensation to Teacher Corps interns on a similar basis. They would receive payment of \$75 per week plus \$15 per dependent or the lowest salary scale of the district, whichever is lower.

Inasmuch as teacher interns are in fact trainees and are not carrying out the full responsibilities of regular teachers, it seems more appropriate to compensate them on the same basis as other students working toward their master's degree in education.

Some of you will recall that there has been some concern expressed about the fact that Teacher Corps trainees in the first year of the program were paid at the going rate for first year teachers in the school systems where they were.

This changes that situation and puts them in most cases at a lower rate, although in a very few low-paid school districts, the \$75 a week rate may be above what the local school district has and, therefore, we are asking them to take the lower rate in that case, which the school district offers.