

Mr. QUIE. Then would it be accurate to say that the appeal was financial in many cases before and you want to reduce the financial appeal so that your statement would be accurate in the future?

Mr. HOWE. Our feedback from members of the Corps indicates that this is not true. Our feedback from members of the Corps indicates that this is something they want to do, and that they are steamed up about what they are doing. The financial incentives have not been a major portion of the program.

Mr. Graham, who administers the program, I believe, has a good deal of evidence of this kind. Perhaps he can comment further on this.

I am going to ask him to make a brief presentation on the Teacher Corps when my testimony is finished.

Third, to reinforce the tradition of local control and thus to encourage further to diversity of projects that we feel is so vital to the Corps success, we are requesting that State approval be required for a local educational agency's request for Corps members and for the training program offered by an institution or university. We are also amending the local control section to clarify the local school districts absolute right to decide what Corps members are assigned to their schools.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Mr. Commissioner, may I ask, at that point, if you have had any complaints about Federal control which causes you to make such proposal?

Mr. HOWE. I can't recall receiving complaints from school superintendents. I may have had one or two from chief State school officers. It is in response to that kind of concern that we make these amendments.

There was never any intention on our part in this program to make it a program which bypassed the usual arrangements for handling assignment of people to the schools, and which bypassed the authorities of the States.

In administering it we have been to the States in every case, and particularly to the certification people in the States who control teacher certification and control who shall teach in the schools to get their authorizations, even though this was not required under the law.

Now we are asking that it be required under the law so that there will be no doubt about it.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Thank you.

Mr. HOWE. Fourth, we have proposed amendments to allow Teacher Corps members to serve wherever they are needed. At present, Teacher Corps teams can only serve in schools administered by local educational agencies.

The amendments would permit Teacher Corps members to be assigned to migrant groups and schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Fifth, we have requested authority to allow the Commissioner of Education to accept gifts on behalf of the Teacher Corps in the same way that the Peace Corps and VISTA are authorized to accept gifts.

Finally, we are asking that the program be extended 3 years with a tripling of the program in our budget for the next school year.