

In some way, we must permit the State to take this into consideration.

I recognize that there is also built into this formula the desire of a Congressman to get as much as he can for his district. It is heresy for me to say that they need the money more in Kentucky, in our chairman's district, than they do in mine.

But from what I have observed, I think this is true. We made one step with the formula last year, in order that Kentucky could come up to the national average. But we have not done anything about this problem within a State of putting it to the areas of greatest need as we have done in cities of the first class.

Mr. HOWE. We would be happy to work with you on possible formula improvements. It is clear that we are never going to come to the absolutely perfect arrangement. The act comes up for renewal next year.

As we bring it up at that time, we ought to take a hard look at possible formula variations that will handle perhaps the kind of problems you refer to.

But as both you and the chairman well recognize, it is an extremely complex matter once you start tampering with it.

Chairman PERKINS. In view of what you just stated, I hope we can put another year's duration on it this year. Of course, we can restudy every year. But then educators wouldn't have to be under the gun all the time.

It is one of the things that brings about so many problems in the country, because they don't know whether they will get the financing.

We want to try to get over that this year, if we can.

Mr. QUIE. I didn't realize from the comments of the Commissioner, Mr. Chairman, but evidently, the administration bill does not propose to extend the act beyond next year?

Mr. HOWE. The act comes up, I believe, in the next session of this Congress for renewal. It was extended for 2 years, so it will automatically come up. I assume that we will propose a renewal of it, perhaps with amendments.

We just haven't gotten to that yet.

Mr. QUIE. I share the views of the chairman on this that it would be unfortunate to wait until next year to decide what we are going to do about extension of the act. I think it is unfair to the school systems of the country to live in fear and tremble whether they are going to receive this amount of money.

If it were a small amount, I would agree with it, that it wouldn't be that really important. But when you have a billion dollars, where they start budgeting for it, I think this is a very important point.

Mr. BELL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. QUIE. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. BELL. I agree on that point.

Chairman PERKINS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mrs. Green wants to leave very shortly.

Mr. BELL. It was just a particular point that I wanted to cover. I will yield to Mrs. Green.

Mrs. GREEN. I will yield back to the gentleman.