

call in 1965 when the act was proposed the administration bill that was sent up recommended that all of the cost of the salaries of the local school system would be handled by the local school system.

In the Senate, the change was made so that the Federal Government would pay 100 percent of the cost of the salaries, and this did not meet with the approval of the administration. They sent out to the Democratic Members of Congress a little memorandum with the argument as to why it was unwise.

I would like to read it to you right now. Here is what was said:

Local school districts should be required to give some support to the Corps as an indication of their belief in it. Otherwise, there will be a strong tendency for school districts to apply for the free ride, taking all the experienced Teacher Corps volunteers they can get, all paid for by Washington.

It wasn't I who said that.

We believe it is an unwise precedent for the Federal Government to begin paying 100 percent of the salaries of local employees while the Administration is concerned with the improvement of teacher salaries wherever they are inadequate, we question the wisdom of a precedent in which the Federal Government could ultimately be held responsible for 100 percent of the salaries of two million local employees.

They also said:

We also believe it would be better from a viewpoint of maternal control of personnel for the school district to be making a major payment of teachers' salaries.

I thought that was a pretty wise statement, judging from the fact that some other programs are in operation very similar to the Teacher Corps and where the local schools are willing to pay the amount for the salary which reflects the amounts of work they get out of these supplemental individuals, that they should be willing to do it in this case, too.

Mr. HOWE. One's predecessor's words come home to haunt him. I don't know the status or nature of this statement, of course, but it does seem to me that when you are setting up a supplementary service in a school district, the Congress has recognized that you can't legislate that it shall happen and the school districts shall pay the bill.

All of the supplementary services that the Congress has created in the school districts of the country, and there are a great many of them, through title I, title III and title V, all make some provision for payment by Federal funds for the cost of these additional services over and above the regular costs of education.

It would seem to me it would be preposterous for the Federal Government to try to say to local school districts that they must provide a service that the Federal Government has decided it wanted at the local expense.

Looking at the matter very practically, in terms of a requirement it wouldn't make any sense, and in terms of simply getting them to volunteer to do so, you wouldn't be able to mount a program.

Had I been around here, I wouldn't have agreed with that particular proposition, although someone might have defeated me before it got up to the Congress and I would have found myself presenting it.

That occasionally happens; let us recognize it.

But the fact is that if the program of supplementary services is going to move, it is going to have to have some Federal support.