

(d) Schools have now been in session for the current academic year for 6 months; we have had varying estimates of the level of funding, most of them in the neighborhood of 85 percent of the 1966 level, and have curbed our programs to these terms.

(e) We received \$299,207 on December 19, 1966, out of a total expected authorization of \$3,450,000.

(f) As of this date, with only 4 months remaining in the fiscal year, we still have received no major funding, have borrowed money to maintain the programs, and continue from day to day to attempt to reassure staff, the community, and the board of education that we are still in business for the Federal Government.

(g) Among some of the misfortunes of reduced funding, we have just been forced to announce the withdrawal of OEO funds in the amount of \$300,000, thereby eliminating the summer school program for 1967. We had hoped to recover this program through ESEA, but the 85 percent funding eliminated this alternative.

The public schools of America must have reliable fiscal information by July 1 of each year in order to mount and sustain the programs intended by Public Law 89-10. Firm dollar commitments and prompt delivery of funds are essential if we are to carry out the will of Congress.

That concludes my prepared statement, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Who will next present a statement?

Dr. MARLAND. I will introduce Mrs. Elizabeth Koontz.

Chairman PERKINS. Will you proceed in any way you prefer.

Mrs. KOONTZ. I do not have a prepared statement but I would wish to insert in the record that the statement prepared by Dr. Marland certainly conveys the consensus of this Council of which I am a part, and I will be very happy to answer questions or make comments further.

Dr. MARLAND. This concludes our prepared material, Mr. Chairman. We would be pleased to attempt to respond to questions.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me thank you for your appearance here this morning. I certainly want to compliment you, Dr. Marland, for bringing up and calling our attention to the problem of properly implementing the law insofar as funding is concerned, and the way your programs will be curtailed in your area, unless the programs are properly funded.

I agree heartily with your viewpoint.

Mr. Goodell.

Mr. GOODELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for being a little late to hear all of your testimony, but I have before me the material which you submitted. I note that in the report you made with reference to the operation of the program during the last summer, you make some criticisms that the projects are piecemeal, fragmented efforts and that it is rare to find the teachers to plan comprehensive programs.

I wonder if you had found any change since your original statements and reports were made along those lines?

Dr. MARLAND. I would say we have, Mr. Goodell. I would say this change, however, is evolutionary and not revolutionary. I think it is important for the committee to appreciate that the innovations and,