

The loss of taxable resources to the city and the fear of taxing our industries and our residents out of the cities has put the cities in the double bind of having greatly increasing educational responsibilities, especially for the changing character of the city's population, and at the same time losing the very resources upon which it was able to provide a viable and rich program of education.

This is further complicated by the fact that the reapportionment circumstances surrounding most of our cities, instead of restoring increased State legislative influence to the cities, is still further removing that into the suburban areas.

Mr. QUIE. Would the gentleman yield for a moment?

Mr. GIBBONS. Yes.

Mr. QUIE. Are the suburbs now way above parity?

Dr. MARLAND. Yes. The suburbs surrounding most cities will be significantly above parity.

Mr. QUIE. The suburbs, judging from our colleague, Congressman O'Hara, of Michigan, in amending title III last year, seemed to me in big trouble, too. I was wondering if everybody was in trouble or if they were in as bad trouble as they seemed to be, or have the people with the political power expressed it better?

Dr. MARLAND. I think that is a factor.

I could go on and talk more about the cities. I will, if you will permit, Mr. Chairman, send this complete report from which I have been quoting, which I think was a significant study, which shows the rather desperate circumstances now surrounding all of our big cities as they lose people in the net.

No substantial city, with one or two exceptions on the west coast, gained in population in the last 10 years. Most of the cities are losing what might be called the favored white. Some of the favored Negro families are leaving the ill-favored Negro and white.

Mr. GIBBONS. What you are really saying is about a city being something with a clearly defined legal boundary. You are not talking about a city being in terms of great masses of population. You are talking about the downtown part of the city starting to rot out and the suburbs getting all the support.

Is that what you are talking about?

Dr. MARLAND. No, I am talking about the political entity of the city, the total political entity, as it is bounded by the city limits, and as it is supported by the resources of city funds within it.

Mr. GIBBONS. Let's say in Metropolitan Pittsburgh, how many school districts do you have?

Dr. MARLAND. In Metropolitan Pittsburgh? About 50.

Mr. GIBBONS. And you are one, and have 80,000. Then you have 50 little satellites around you; is that it?

Dr. MARLAND. That is correct.

Mr. GIBBONS. That is exactly what I was talking about a while ago.

Dr. MARLAND. You asked me about Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh is a city surrounded by suburban communities. But the city of Pittsburgh is quite autonomous politically and educationally. Almost every city, I am sure, has the surrounding areas.

Mr. GIBBONS. But really, aren't the only people who pay any attention to these city boundaries the city officials and tax collectors? The