

within State legislatures for State departments of education to take the ball on this appropriation when it comes and do an adequate job of planning for the State.

Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. Gordon, for an excellent statement.

I have always felt that one of the problems which has brought about so much frustration has been the lack of a longer period of authorization, for instance, for a period of 4 years, and then get the appropriations out by March or April before the fiscal year closes on June 30, that should be our goal and I think it can be attained.

Let me thank you, Congressman, for coming before the committee.

The committee will now stand in recess until 1:15.

Mr. Gordon will return at that time.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 p.m., the committee recessed to reconvene at 1:15 p.m. the same day.)

AFTER RECESS

(The committee reconvened at 1:15 p.m., Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee) presiding.)

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order. A quorum is present.

Will the witnesses who were here this morning come around?

Mr. Goodell.

Mr. GOODELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. PAGE, you were questioned in a rather acerbic if not astringent fashion this morning. I think one of your comments was perhaps taken out of context by the inquisitors.

You were pointing out that you felt, as I understand it, that the poverty program should be coordinated with education groups and agencies locally where they were dealing in education. Although you did not quote it, I presume you were referring to the specific requirement in title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that "The program and projects have been developed in cooperation with the public or private nonprofit agencies responsible for the Community Action Program."

You were pointing out that there is no such provision in the poverty law.

Mr. PAGE. Exactly.

Mr. GOODELL. Requiring such coordination with education agencies where the education program is financed under poverty law.

Mr. PAGE. Exactly. My thought was again, we can guarantee the maintenance of effort in the State by avoiding duplication if we do have this consideration at the State level. I did not mean to make it a point that I felt that the State agency should be taking over Headstart for example.

The point we have made is that Headstart should be under the direction of HEW and, therefore, we could articulate the programs much better with the educational agencies of the State and local districts.

Chairman PERKINS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GOODELL. Yes.