

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1967

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 9:30 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building. Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee), presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Green, Holland, Dent, Daniels, Brademas, Hawkins, Gibbons, Ford, Hathaway, Mink, Scheuer, Meeds, Burton, Ayres, Quie, Goodell, Bell, Reid, Gurney, Erlenborn, Scherle, Dellenback, Esch, Eshleman, Gardner, and Steiger.

Staff members present: Robert E. McCord, senior specialist, H. D. Reed, Jr., general counsel, William D. Gaul, associate general counsel, Louise M. Dargans, research assistant, and Charles W. Radcliffe, special education counsel for minority.

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order. A quorum is present. We are delighted to have with us this morning the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. John Gardner has done an excellent and skillful job as Secretary. Considering the magnitude of new education legislation and the diverse problems with which the Department must deal, the Nation has just grounds to be tremendously pleased in the needed services and aid which are flowing in efficient manner to meet effectively many of our problems.

Yesterday the chief State school officers presented their testimony and it was suggested that they tell us how the administration of the programs, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, particularly title I, could be improved.

We welcomed any suggestions they could offer us in simplifying the application that must come from the local education agencies. There were so few suggestions which to my way of thinking clearly pointed up that the administration of the act was being carried on in an excellent manner. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you here this morning, Mr. Secretary.

I understand that you do not have available copies of your prepared statement but that copies will be available in approximately 30 minutes. Until those copies arrive we will let you just continue to read your statement. You may proceed.

STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN W. GARDNER, SECRETARY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Secretary GARDNER. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee: For the members of this distinguished committee there is no need to elaborate on the increasing