

Mr. MEEDS. I am certain this would be a portion of your reservation to my original question; in other words, what kind of arrangements were made for this comprehensive planning and was, for instance, higher education included and, if so, how?

Incorporating the entire intent and perhaps language of section B it seems to me we can work out this problem and get the thrust and planning which I am sure we agree is needed and which the chief State school officers yesterday agreed we needed.

Mr. HOWE. I think the problem would come down to whether or not we, by regulation and guidelines, could require that the planning functions be carried through under existing legislation or whether we really ought to have congressional authorization to make this kind of requirement.

It was our earlier determination that it was wise to get congressional authorization to make this kind of requirement.

Mr. MEEDS. I agree with you there.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Burton.

Mr. BURTON. Commissioner, have you requested this in this year's budget, the funds to implement the AFDC policy?

Mr. HOWE. In the 1968 budget?

Mr. BURTON. Yes.

Mr. HOWE. We have, through the appropriations process, we have requested funds sufficient to implement it so that no State will receive less than it received in 1967.

Mr. BURTON. That is not really responsive. If we had no AFDC policy at all you could make that statement, could you not?

As I understood, we constructed this supplemental method of determining the needs of the State because the income formula just was not relevant to the high-income States that find themselves with a high incidence of welfare families.

Mr. HOWE. The AFDC policy will have the general effect, I believe, of providing particular help to larger cities and that effect is already operating in the current year and will continue to operate in fiscal 1968 under the funds we have appropriated.

Chairman PERKINS. If you—if the gentleman will yield to me at this point, if I understand correctly, and I tried to listen to the testimony the best I could this morning, if your request before the Bureau of the Budget was sufficient to see that no State received less funding than it received last year, that simply means that the formula adopted in the 1966 legislation which cover the States with the least resources up to the national average would not go into effect, am I correct, under the funding presently included in the amount by the Bureau of the Budget?

Mr. HOWE. I think only partially correct. May I ask Mr. Estes to comment on this?

Mr. ESTES. You are correct; it will not go into complete or full effect. However, in some States it means they would receive a 30-percent increase because of the change from the State average to the national.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you have authority of that nature to so interpret the legislation in that respect? That is the question in my mind because that is defying the members on this committee in writ-