

and be unable to provide them with some kind of educational program. For example, we have in Baltimore City about 225 trainable children who are not in school at all, but are on what is euphemistically called a "waiting list." These children are not in school because we have no space or teachers for them.

We have another 500 trainable children "farmed out" to private institutions, an arrangement which is better than nothing, but which makes a mockery of the term "free public education." These parents have to pay substantial funds to make up the difference paid by the city and the charges made by the private institution.

The situation is equally critical when one looks at the situation for children who are educable mentally retarded. We lack teachers who are sensitive and competent to deal with the educational problems that these children present.

I urge your committee and the Congress to step in and help with this serious problem.

In closing, I want to say again something I am sure you have all heard many times, something that President Johnson said in his message delivered to the Congress on February 28, 1967.

In that message, he pointed up the problems of the incompatibility of the legislative calendar and the academic calendar. When the President said, "I urge that the Congress enact education appropriations early enough to allow the Nation's schools and colleges to plan effectively," he was asking for something which is critically important to us all.

We in Baltimore City have not been able to make the best use of Federal funds for the simple reason that we have not had the staff and time to plan effectively for the use of this money.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for giving me this chance to be heard. I sincerely hope the views which I have expressed will be useful in your deliberations.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you.

Mr. DOXOVAN. Just before introducing the last superintendent, Mr. Chairman, I would like to repeat that statements from Los Angeles, Chicago, St. Louis, Buffalo, and Memphis have been made available to the committee from those superintendents who are not here today.

The last superintendent to be heard is the superintendent of schools of Philadelphia, Dr. C. Taylor Whittier.

Mr. HAWKINS. Do I understand, Mr. Chairman, those statements have been made available to us? I do not see copies of them.

I understand the statements have been made available to the members of the committee, including Los Angeles, but I do not see such statements before me.

Mr. DAILARD. May I comment on the Los Angeles statement? I received copies in the mail at the hotel this morning, with the message that 50 copies had been sent to the committee. I imagine they are in your mail room right now. Fifty copies of the Los Angeles superintendent's statement are on the way to the committee.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection, all of the statements will be submitted for the record.

Would you proceed, please?

Mr. WHITTIER. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am C. Taylor Whittier, superintendent of schools, Philadelphia, Pa. I