

your title III programs and your relationship as local school administrators with the State departments of education? Would you address yourselves specifically to the question?

Would you favor a statutory, mandatory veto power over title III programs on the part of the State departments of education?

Mr. DONOVAN. As far as title III goes in the State of New York, we have had good relationships. Of course, we all know that title III is the one title where everybody has to fight for a small amount of money. There is really no allocation to anybody. You just have to go in and fight with hundreds of other projects as they come along.

Fortunately, in our State we have a close working relationship. We have gotten some very fine projects throughout the State. I do not know that I would like just a definite veto power. I don't know what proposal that might be, but I do know that the cooperative effort should be continued.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Let me make the distinction. At the present time, the act calls for review and recommendations on the part of the State department of education. It has been proposed that the State now be given the right to disapprove title III recommendations by local school systems. It is to that question that I was addressing myself.

Mr. DONOVAN. Here, again, I am only going to talk for New York City. If anybody has to veto us at all, I would prefer it to be the State and not the Federal Government. I think they know more about the operation of the city than does the Federal Government.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Could we get some comments on that question from the rest of you? Would you give me any comments on any difficulties you have had with your State departments of education?

Mr. DAILARD. We have had no difficulty in California on this. There has been a procedure by which all projects are reviewed in the State department. This has been an effective and cooperative relationship. I think it is true that only those projects which have been recommended by the State department after this review have been approved.

We think it is a healthy relationship. I think I would agree with Dr. Donovan that if anybody has to veto, we would rather it be those who are close enough at hand to see what is actually happening.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Are there any other comments?

Mr. PAQUIN. Yes. My feeling on this is, in the first place, we have not had any difficulty as far as the State is concerned, but I would be inclined to take the point of view that I would rather be able to go beyond the State. At least it gives you some possibility of an appeal.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Does anyone else have any comment?

Mr. VINCENT. We have had no problem in our State of Wisconsin. I would not fear any such type of legislation. I would agree with the others that if there is to be a veto, I would prefer to see it at the State department of education.

Mr. WHITTIER. I would say we fared very well under title III and have no complaints at the present time. I think if we are going to do this, I think we need to work to strengthen the State program in the best interest of keeping the control close to home so if it has to go in this direction I would say it would go in this direction, although I can't make any complaints at the present time.