

Mr. QUIE. Don't worry about the Congress here. We will take care of that. I would like to find out from the school superintendents what would be the wisest expenditure of Federal money, how you could best use the money. We will take care of the politics here.

Mr. BRIGGS. All right. Up to this time, the only moneys we have ever gotten from Congress have been those that have been earmarked; the only Federal money that we know is Federal money for certain national purposes. You have never given us any general aid for anything, except you have earmarked it for certain national purposes. We are not familiar with Federal money for general aid. I am not as optimistic as you might be about the generosity of Congress in this respect.

I think it sees certain problems that are not being met; it saw the vocational problem after World War I, and it moved in that direction.

It has seen the problem under NDEA, and has moved in that direction, and then the poverty problem. And I am certainly not against local autonomy, but I do not believe that you would have given as much, if it had been general. I am not sure that we would have used it. I am sure we would not have used it in the way that we have, if it had been general.

I would like to have more money for the children of the big cities, and if there were unlimited amounts of money, where we could bring the cities up somewhere near the general expenditure in the Nation, we would not have to, perhaps, earmark as carefully as we have.

I would like to see us facing in that direction.

Chairman PERKINS. If you will excuse us, we have to cast a vote. In about 10 minutes, we will be right back, and you can take a break in the meantime.

(A short recess was taken.)

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order.

A quorum is present.

The gentlelady from Oregon.

I made the announcement when I came in today that every member would have 20 minutes until we got around the second time, and then the third crack would be unlimited.

Mrs. Green?

Mrs. GREEN. Yes.

Dr. Briggs, I was under the impression that this morning you said that you would prefer general aid to categorical.

Mr. BRIGGS. Oh, I think that all of us would, but the question this afternoon, I think, came about to the point that could we guarantee that we would be doing the same things with the money, if it became general aid. My answer was twofold: if it came through the State of the State that I am talking about, the State of Ohio, we would not get it in the first place. We would not have it to do these things with.

No. 2, the local pressures would be such that we would not be able locally to do exactly with it what we might.

Mrs. GREEN. If there were a fund that went to the State, and the formula stays the same as under title I, and it said: that this much will go to Ohio with this much to the city of Cleveland, you would get it.

Mr. BRIGGS. As long as we are sure that there is a way of getting it.