

the school boards in their abilities to build buildings out of current revenues, but it also has limited their capacities for the amortization of school bonds. The amount of bonds to be amortized by each district is determined by the resources which the district has for this purpose. This usually is determined by the revenue from special building taxes and capital outlay funds from the foundation program. Naturally, when the capital outlay fund remains constant over a period of years, the ability of a board of education to amortize school bonds is seriously crippled. Because of the factors which I have mentioned, there has been an accumulation of needs over the past 7 or 8 years which seriously impedes our education progress in Kentucky. Boards of education are limited by a statutory tax rate limitation that prohibits them from raising the necessary additional revenue at the local level.

Let me again express my appreciation for this opportunity to express my views on H.R. 6230 and also express my gratefulness to the members of this committee for what it is doing toward improvement of public education in this country.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me say, Dr. Dodson, that I appreciate your coming. You and I have marched up and down a lot of mountains frequently in the direction of Federal aid to education, commencing back in 1949 and 1950.

Mr. DODSON. Right.

Chairman PERKINS. I am delighted that you are making some progress. We have not been able to branch out in the direction discussed in your statement, but I feel that sooner or later we are headed in that direction.

Mr. DODSON. That is good.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you for an outstanding statement. Are you going to preside over the panel?

Mr. DODSON. I will, if you would like me to.

Chairman PERKINS. Yes.

Mr. DODSON. The next one, Mr. Chairman, will be Mr. G. C. Burkhead, superintendent of Hardin public schools down in Elizabethtown.

STATEMENT OF G. C. BURKHEAD, SUPERINTENDENT OF HARDIN COUNTY SCHOOLS, ELIZABETHTOWN, KY.

Mr. BURKHEAD. Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Education Committee:

I am G. C. Burkhead, superintendent of schools in Hardin County, Elizabethtown, Ky. May I express my appreciation for the opportunity to present certain facts and viewpoints on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and amendments of 1967. I would also like to request the privilege of commenting on the operation and results of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Kentucky is a State where 24 percent of its youth are from families with incomes less than \$2,000. Financing schools, even with heavy support from the State under the minimum foundation program, has fallen far short of providing the bare essentials of an adequate school program. The act has greatly aided in providing needed equipment,