

To save a great many school districts in this county from great injury, or in some cases bankruptcy, I suggest that this committee give its careful consideration to one of the following alternatives:

1. Delete the amendment from the 874 legislation.
2. To avoid great numbers of children from Federal properties thrust upon already overburdened States, exempt all Federal properties with 2,000 or more children in their dependent schools.
3. Allow a longer period for adjustment—20 years, for example—deleting 5 percent each year until all the children can be absorbed by the local district.

I want to express my appreciation to the members of the committee for having given me the opportunity to present these observations, problems, and facts covering the operation of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the present Federal aid to education legislation now before this committee.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me say, Mr. Burkhead, as to the problem you pointed out in connection with Federal aid. Your State board of education operating your school system, if I recall, this has been pretty uniform procedure through the years, where we had so many Federal installations operating schools at the time, and there are very few of them today throughout the country. My memory may be dulled, but our committee will see that you obtain justice. If it is necessary to make a change, I know that the committee will want to do the right thing. It will direct the staff to go into this problem and see if there are any other Federal installations in the country, other than Fort Knox, where the States cannot, under the laws, presently operate their school system—

Mr. BURKHEAD. My board of education would be happy to merge the districts if it were possible under the law, but we are helpless. We can't control the State legislature or the Attorney General. The State has the argument that to provide \$2 million in extra State revenues to educate the children on Campbell and Knox, and a few districts get only \$800,000, that is not very good trade. That is not horse trading in Kentucky. Yet some school districts will be ruined. Elizabethtown, Meade County; Hardin County, West Point, Christian County; Montgomery County of Tennessee.

Chairman PERKINS. We will see that no school district is destroyed by this amendment.

Mr. BURKHEAD. That makes me very happy.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me say this. We will certainly do the best job we can, but we have done so much in the impact areas and so little in the general Federal-aid area. I came to your community one time in 1949 when you were teaching in an old NYA building. You have made so much progress under the impact area and I want you to continue to make the same type of progress.

Mr. BURKHEAD. You have kept us from being the poorest district in Kentucky from the Federal impact money.

Chairman PERKINS. You have done a great job down there. I want to compliment you for it. This amendment more or less puzzles me. When we were trying to work out a uniform procedure last year, it did not dawn on me that we were contravening State law. We have it all around us in all neighboring States that have taken a diametri-