

Chairman PERKINS. I understand your problem. Now assuming that you had a favorable ruling from the Attorney General, I don't have the figures before me, how much money would you lose, if any?

Mr. BURKHEAD. We would not lose any. We would be happy to operate the schools on the base.

Chairman PERKINS. That is what I am trying to get.

Mr. BURKHEAD. That is what I have been working on with the attorney general. He has called the attorney general down in Georgia to find out what kind of ruling he made to take care of Georgia. He did that last week.

Chairman PERKINS. That took place last week?

Mr. BURKHEAD. Yes.

Chairman PERKINS. You know that as good as we have been all through the years with these education agencies we do not intend to let any school district suffer.

Mr. BURKHEAD. We don't want to be the forgotten district.

Chairman PERKINS. I don't think you are. You see, the theory that we operated under here was trying to get the Government out of business.

Mr. BURKHEAD. I can agree with that.

Chairman PERKINS. That has been the principle throughout the years.

Mr. BURKHEAD. But come June 30, 1968—

Chairman PERKINS. I am very confident that your school district will not suffer too much. I think you ought to go ahead and press for this ruling anyway since this is the only one in the whole country that we have this demand on since we are heading in the direction of getting the Federal Government and particularly the Department of the Army out of the business of running the schools.

Mr. BURKHEAD. There are the States, the Carolinas and Tennessee and Georgia at present, who think they have their problem solved. Maybe one or two others.

Chairman PERKINS. Yes. Let me compliment you, Mr. Burkhead. All through the years you have come up here and helped us write the impacted legislation. We appreciate your interest. We know just what it means to that area. When I get around the Fort Knox area, especially in your county, and see those nice school buildings, I like to think that I have had a part in it, especially when I visited that area in 1949 when we first wrote these laws.

Why don't we recess and come back here at 2 o'clock.

Mr. DODSON. Mr. Chairman, we are all finished with our Kentucky delegation.

Chairman PERKINS. I know, but there may be some questions. Try to come back.

(Whereupon, at 12:45 p.m., the hearing was recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m. the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

(The committee reconvened at 2 p.m., Hon. Carl D. Perkins, chairman, presiding.)

Chairman PERKINS. Gentlemen, I am impressed with the word that you superintendents have brought to the Congress from all sec-