

do much better planning. Do you agree with that statement that we ought to extend this program for Indians at least 2 years?

Mr. MARBURGER. I not only agree, but I am happy to amend my statement to that effect. Long range planning does take a commitment of more than just 1 single year.

Chairman PERKINS. We are just going to travel over the same ground if we continue to give these 1-year extensions and this is going to be a most discouraging thing to have on these good programs in the future. I certainly intend to offer that amendment before the committee and hope we can get it enacted.

We appreciate your statement.

You mentioned you did not get your funds until January 7, 1967, or sometime in early January. You do not feel that situation will recur next year, do you? Since you have had an opportunity to consult and advise with the Office of Education, do you feel you have gotten over that hurdle and that you will get your funding?

Mr. MARBURGER. It was simply how the funds would be transferred and writing up the guidelines.

Chairman PERKINS. How would the June 30 cutoff period affect you?

Mr. MARBURGER. It affects us very seriously because we cannot encumber funds beyond the June 30, 1967, deadline, so we cannot involve ourselves even in summer programs for Indian children in schools. Therefore, the hiring of personnel became a critical problem for us because we could only hire people from the point of the beginning of the project until June 30, 1967.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Ayres or Mr. Gibbons, any questions?

Mr. MARBURGER. Mr. Chairman, may I just speak for a second to title III since it is part of the amendment as well. We had even more critical problems under title III because of the cutoff date. Our projects were submitted to the Office of Education by January 15. Approval has not yet come for any and the expectation is the projects will be approved sometime around the 15th of April and they must terminate as of June 30. So it gives us a very short time to do an exemplary model program.

Chairman PERKINS. You may go ahead.

Mr. MARBURGER. I was simply indicating we had had unique problems here in trying to run a program from approximately April 30 to June 30 and with no opportunity to obligate funds beyond that date.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you have any questions, Mr. Gibbons?

Mr. GIBBONS. No, sir.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Scherle?

Mr. SCHERLE. No questions.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much.

Mr. MARBURGER. Thank you for the opportunity.

Chairman PERKINS. I notice it is 9:45. Under the rules of the committee, today is reserved for an executive session of the full committee to begin at 9:45 a.m.

At this point, since there are fewer than 17 members present we don't have a quorum for the executive session and therefore I will adjourn the regular meeting for the lack of a quorum and we will continue with these hearings just as we are continuing at the present time.