

tremendous interest in improvement of education. There is a tremendous interest in change.

The change is frequently so great that it almost leads to confusion, but the problems are not simple. This matter of kindergarten, I think we have had great interest in it and early elementary education interest.

In my own community, we have had kindergarten for over half a century. Neighboring schools lost theirs during the depression. They did not get them back until after World War II.

I would say that many of the programs that have been initiated in Headstart have stimulated further action but there has been this tremendous interest in early education and change.

Mr. SPEARS. When you speak of having to stimulate a change, one is the practice you are following something innovative, the other is taking an example and getting more support locally or statewide and I don't know where your emphasis is but I am inclined—taking the two together, you are perhaps interested in looking upon this Federal funding as a stimulation for more support on the State and local basis.

Mr. SCHETTER. More resources and more support for willingness to change.

Mr. SPEARS. Let's separate the two. Take the last one. This is just observation of one person who has moved around this year, but I doubt very much that this country, the school boards and the State legislatures in general over this country are looking upon this new support of education from Washington as something to cause them to spend more money. Maybe I am wrong but that is my personal observation that they are not. They are looking at it as money they wanted themselves and didn't get it.

Now, whether they could have gotten more or not—that varies all over the country. Activities certainly are stimulating to think in different ways as to how to handle children and do a better job with them. Definitely that is happening all over the country, maybe not fast enough for you to settle it yet but on the support angle I think there will be less local support here and there in some bond issues because somebody thinks Federal funds will do the job.

Mr. SCHETTER. I can assure you as far as I am concerned that was not my intent and although I hesitate to speak for my colleagues, this program was not meant to encourage diminishment at the local level.

Mr. SPEARS. From the standpoint of the legislatures in the States, I don't think it is diminishing their support. It is sort of slowing it down. They might have done more in this compensatory field.

In California, Senator McAtier had a bill in. We in San Francisco encouraged it. I think the funding would have been much larger if you had not come along.

Mr. SCHERLE. Frankly, I am inclined to agree with you to this extent, that as long as the Federal Government is going to hold the reins in a program such as Headstart, I doubt that this will initiate action on a State or local level because by shifting this program in areas where they do not have kindergarten, I am sure this will probably put them in the position of saying the Government, which in essence is the taxpayer, will sponsor this so why should we duplicate it? Other than that, Mr. Chairman, I will reserve the rest of my time for later questioning.