

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1967

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 9:30 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Green, Daniels, Brademas, O'Hara, Carey, Mink, Scheuer, Meeds, Ayres, Bell, Erlenborn, Scherle, Dellenback, Gardner, and Steiger.

Staff members present: Robert E. McCord, senior specialist; H. D. Reed, Jr., general counsel; William D. Gaul, associate general counsel; Louise M. Dargans, research assistant; and Charles W. Radcliffe, special education counsel for minority.

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order. A quorum is present.

Our first witnesses this morning are Dr. Mattheis, commissioner of education, State board of education, St. Paul, Minn. and Dr. J. A. Byrne, director, division of education, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. I call on a distinguished member who has perhaps contributed as much in this field as anyone on this committee to introduce Dr. Mattheis and Dr. Byrne, my colleague, Congressman Al Quie.

Mr. QUIE. Thank you, Congressman Perkins.

It is really a pleasure to introduce to the committee Dr. Duane Mattheis the commissioner of education for Minnesota. I look to Duane Mattheis as one of the great men in education. He is doing an outstanding job in Minneapolis as the commissioner of education and I am extremely proud of him.

He was the superintendent of schools when I first met him. Some of my colleagues remember my reaction generally to the elementary and secondary schools in previous years. It was not exactly the most favorable.

I also remember Duane Mattheis kind of chiding me in my opposition, so he comes to you as a person who has long supported the Federal Government's involvement in elementary and secondary schools.

I was extremely impressed with his testimony to Mrs. Green's subcommittee that traveled across the country when we studied the Office of Education and were in Minnesota. I felt, Mr. Chairman, his testimony would be extremely worthwhile to us now that we are considering H.R. 6230 and also looking at the total of ESEA.