

Mr. BIEMILLER. We very much appreciate again the opportunity to come and consult with this committee. We have long admired the work of this committee in which you have made a significant role, Mr. Chairman, and I want to emphasize for the newer members, our staff people in either our educational or legislative departments are always available for either consultation with committee staff, with individual members, or in any way we can be helpful.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much. You have been very helpful to many of the members and to the staff who have called on your people for technical assistance.

We thank you.

Our next witnesses are rather well-known witnesses who have been here over a period of years on behalf of impacted legislation.

Our panel witnesses are: Oscar Rose, superintendent of schools, Midwest City, Okla.; R. E. Hood, superintendent of schools, Brunswick, Ga.; Richard Taylor, superintendent, Widefield School, Colorado Springs, Colo.; John W. Eater, superintendent of schools, Rantoul, Ill.; T. Olai Hageness, superintendent, Clover Park schools, Tacoma, Wash.; William Simmons, deputy, superintendent of schools, Detroit, Mich.; J. M. Hanks, superintendent, Ysleta School District, El Paso, Tex.

Do we have all you gentlemen present?

Mr. ROSE. Yes, sir.

STATEMENTS OF OSCAR ROSE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, MIDWEST CITY, OKLA.; R. E. HOOD, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, BRUNSWICK, GA.; RICHARD TAYLOR, SUPERINTENDENT, WIDEFIELD SCHOOL, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.; JOHN W. EATER, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, RANTOUL, ILL.; T. OLAI HAGENESS, SUPERINTENDENT, CLOVER PARK SCHOOLS, TACOMA, WASH.; WILLIAM SIMMONS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DETROIT, MICH.; J. M. HANKS, SUPERINTENDENT, YSLETA SCHOOL DISTRICT, EL PASO, TEX.

Chairman PERKINS. I notice, Mr. Ford, Mr. Meeds and any other gentlemen who have a superintendent here can introduce these various members, but in my judgment we will be real late this afternoon before we receive the testimony of all witnesses.

Don't anybody get discouraged and leave because we are going to hear the National School Board Association and the American Book Publishers, the commissioner of education from the State of Michigan, the chairman for Manchester, Mass.

We are going to hear all of the witnesses today and other witnesses who are present even though we may run until 7 or 8 o'clock tonight, so stay with us and bear with us.

Do all of the gentlemen who accompany you have statements?

Mr. ROSE. All but one and his is in the mail coming up here.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection, all of those statements will be inserted in the record and, in order to expedite the hearing, I hope that we can refrain from questioning until all members of this panel make their statements and then we will recess about 12:30 or 12:40