

I find it inconsistent in the action again as I read that title it was initially to strengthen State departments of education. Now we have an amendment that would seem to create another agency to perform those duties. If in the State of Colorado the Governor were given the opportunity to appoint another agency, I believe it would be undermining the State department of education and reducing the effectiveness that it has gained during the past year by operating under the previous title V.

Item No. 4. I should like to present the idea that the present forms of categorical aid have been successful in meeting identified educational needs. While some school administrators voice approval for general Federal aid, we also recognize that it would not permit the direct attack on the serious educational problems that we have had to face.

I believe that the Federal Government, committees such as this meeting with working superintendents such as we are gathered here in the identification of the needs have an obligation to work to appropriate funds to then attack those needs as they exist in a specific manner and not by working through a district and saying here are increased general funds, do with them as you will.

Many, many local boards of education would find it very impractical or practically impossible to attack some of the major problems that we have been able to do by having categorical aid.

My last item, No. 5, when the committee considers the extension of section five for the buildings for impacted districts, I would request that serious consideration be given to the term minimum facilities. I believe that this term and its interpretation has kept the children in heavy impacted districts from having an education that is comparable to those in nonimpacted districts.

I was certainly very happy last year to see that esthetics and esthetical values should be a determining factor and looked at when these funds are allocated.

If I could relate to a particular district in the Whitefield school district we have eligibility for about 650 students at the present time. We have over 900 students attending part day or half day sessions. So we have the eligibility for the funds but since the funding has not been made, the children are suffering.

They are being shortened in their educational opportunities because here is the eligibility and yet there are no dollars to carry it out.

I should like to thank the committee again for listening to me, for the opportunity to present these and would certainly hope that you might later have some questioning further on some of my ideas.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Chairman, our final person to testify is Mr. Hanks from the Ysleta School District in El Paso, Texas.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Taylor's complete statement will be placed in the record at this point.

(The document referred to follows:)

TESTIMONY OF RICHARD D. TAYLOR, SUPERINTENDENT OF WIDEFIELD-SECURITY SCHOOLS

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: I am Richard Taylor, Superintendent of Widefield-Security Schools, suburban Colorado Springs, Colorado. I wish to express appreciation for the opportunity to respond to H.R. 6230. I also will discuss some of the needs of Federally impacted school districts.