

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. Hanks. As usual Oscar Rose for many, many years has spearheaded the drive to make sure that the Congress did not destroy the impacted legislation.

You are here with a most outstanding panel and I appreciate the statements of all of you distinguished educators. I regret that I did not hear all of these statements but I have tried to glance through all of the statements here on my desk. Your contributions have been great and your contributions have been great throughout the years in assisting this committee in writing this legislation and helping to keep us on the right track.

Mr. ROSE. Thank you, Mr. Perkins.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Rose, we have a situation at Fort Knox, Ky., Commonwealth of Kentucky states that they do not have the authority to participate in the education of any of the children on Government property and the legislation that is now proposed provides that if the State does not participate by June 30, 1969, that there will be no Federal assistance.

I am wondering whether you have had complaints of a similar nature from different States?

Or is it only peculiar to Kentucky? I certainly have not heard of any other complaints.

Mr. ROSE. There are no other States which have a similar restriction in connection with this matter. However I am not completely familiar with it. Last year I testified and I mentioned again in my testimony this morning, I believe after all I left, that the impact area schools of any State should not be saddled with or required to modify the normal State taxes within a State.

After all we are only 4,000 districts and a great many more than that in the United States and in the various States we only represent a few, so our political influence within a State is not only always sufficient to protect ourselves.

So I think that the State law is not of our making as the impact area people. Thus we should be very careful in eliminating funds within a State under the impacted area legislation, 874, in particular, prior to the State having an opportunity and a rather lengthy opportunity to modify its laws so that the Federal Government's intent would not be abrogated or would not be eliminated.

Chairman PERKINS. It is common knowledge that in this particular area that the Harding County School Board could not take over Fort Knox without many years of planning and Fort Knox after many years of planning, undoubtedly the Hardin County school district would lose money.

But assuming Kentucky did participate and assuming they did participate only to a limited degree and the Government would continue to operate the school at Fort Knox, then would the State lose any money under this statute?

Mr. ROSE. I do not think they would. I think there is a rather liberal interpretation of just how this particular amendment would be applied.

Chairman PERKINS. I would like to ask Mr. Lillywhite to comment on the question. Assuming Kentucky participated and recognized in the education to a limited degree on the Federal property in the