

operation is discontinued, the penalties will not be assessed against the school districts.

You will remember also Mr. Perkins, the Quantico amendments.

Chairman PERKINS. I certainly do.

Mr. LILLYWHITE. Now we cannot just discontinue a Federal operation until after the procedure set up in that bill is followed which means that the commissioner and the head of the agency having jurisdiction over the property both agree that a local school district can educate the children satisfactorily and that the Federal operation ought to be discontinued and turned over to them.

But we think generally if States are going to receive money, most of them in the Union provide State aid and free public education for all of the kids but there are a few who won't.

We think it only fair that they be willing to provide State aid and the local school districts accept responsibility for their education and this is all the amendments attempt to do.

I would say one other thing. I thought I had a reasonably good understanding with your assistant State superintendent, Mr. Melton, I think, the last time on the telephone whereby he feels now that they could make some kind of a certification as to what they could provide under State aid if this Federal operation stopped and I told him I wished he would send it up and maybe it would get by already but I don't know for sure.

Chairman PERKINS. I just do not feel until we get a little better understanding down there that we ought to press too fast. I agree with you that a lot of this is completely sound in my judgment, but don't you think it would be all right to postpone the effective date for another year until June 30, 1970, and see if we cannot get a favorable ruling down there.

Mr. LILLYWHITE. I would have to say this, Mr. Perkins, that we have gone to an awful lot of effort now since the amendment was passed in working out with the various States arrangements so that they would be set up and would not have to suffer the penalties and most of them all can do it.

Chairman PERKINS. I agree with you, Mr. Lillywhite, except I know some school people and you know some and sometimes the people you deal with do not do it as effectively as you should do it and since there is some confusion, can you see any objection to postponing the date a year, Mr. Rose?

Mr. ROSE. I was going to say, Mr. Perkins, being a school superintendent that tries to educate a rather difficult school system as far as finances are concerned, we may get a little jumpy at the possibilities of changes that, as I noticed in Mr. Burkehead's testimony from Hardin County, would completely destroy the school program.

We feel a responsibility to our schoolchildren that we just cannot let that happen. It is not a matter of what happens to the school administrators but being responsible for them as I say we are just a little bit concerned about any change on the face of it that would seem to be so drastic.

I am certain that Mr. Burkehead insofar as he could would encourage the State attorney of Kentucky to eliminate this seemingly unwillingness on the part of the State to conform with what other States do