

at the entire problem because a lot of children migrate off the reservation and they are squatters and they cause these problems. Again we put back the burden and effort problem the way we had it so if the school district meets the burden and effort, then you count the total problem in the school district toward the substantial percentage and deal with it that way.

I just might say that when you face a small school district within a very large area but not too many people and a large part of it is in nontaxable Federal property and is peopled by a growing population that does not pay taxes and there is very little taxable wealth outside that reservation, those people are very reluctant to build housing for the Indian children. They have a hard enough time to get the money to build school facilities for children, so these amendments simply try to meet that.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. Lillywhite. We appreciate your coming here and we appreciate the entire planning and it has been so helpful to us all through the years.

Now, perhaps, if you have the time, you can step aside and not leave the room because I want the members to interrogate as long as they want to interrogate after we hear about eight more witnesses.

We will come on around the school board people now.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Chairman, let me say this is the best opportunity we have ever had to tell our story.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. Rose. We want to see you back here many more times in the future.

Paul N. Carlin, director of the Federal and Congressional Relations in the National School Boards Association.

We have Dr. Harold V. Webb, executive director of the National School Boards Association; and Dr. Joseph Ackerman, president of the National School Boards Association, Elmhurst, Ill.; and Kenneth W. Lund, senior vice president—he is not a witness. He just remained.

Do you have any other members here?

Mr. ACKERMAN. Yes; Mr. Hugh Calkins, a member of both the Cleveland School Board and our legislative committee.

Chairman PERKINS. Who is the chairman of the panel?

Mr. CALKINS. Dr. Ackerman.

Chairman PERKINS. Proceed. We will withhold questioning until all of you make your statements. We are most anxious to hear your testimony.

STATEMENTS OF JOSEPH ACKERMAN, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, AND HUGH CALKINS, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY PAUL N. CARLIN, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL AND CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS, AND HAROLD V. WEBB, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Mr. MEEDS. I have to leave. May I make a comment and ask one very brief question?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes, indeed.

Mr. MEEDS. Dr. Ackerman, and you people who prepared testimony, may I say at this time that it is certainly some of the most enlighten-