

**TITLE X—AMENDMENTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES ACT
OF 1963**

ADJUSTMENT OF INTEREST RATE ON LOANS

SEC. 1001. (a) Subsection (b) of section 303 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“(b) A loan pursuant to this title shall be secured in such manner, and shall be repaid within such period not exceeding 50 years, as may be determined by the Commissioner; and shall bear interest at a per annum rate that is not less than (1) a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury taking into consideration the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with redemption periods to maturity comparable to the average maturities of such loans, adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of 1 per centum, less (2) not to exceed a rate of 1 per centum per annum as determined by the Commissioner.”

(b) This section shall apply to all loans approved, or for which a commitment is made, on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**EXTENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION
ASSISTANCE IN MAJOR DISASTER AREAS**

SEC. 1002. Subsection (a) of section 408 of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, as added by section 7 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1966, is amended by striking out “July 1, 1967,” and inserting in lieu thereof “July 1, 1972.”

Mrs. GREEN. We have asked the Commissioner and Dr. Peter Muirhead to return tomorrow for further questioning. There will not be any meeting of the subcommittee this afternoon or tomorrow afternoon. The hearings will continue for 4 days, and on Friday the subcommittee is going to New York for the purpose of getting some firsthand information about matters that are covered in the Higher Education Act and also visiting some of the schools that are in seminar with one of the colleges there.

So this morning without any further delay, Mr. Secretary, may I express on behalf of the subcommittee our appreciation for your coming to the committee this morning and giving us the benefit of your counsel and comments on the legislation before us. Also, the same to all of the gentlemen who are with you. We will call on you first, Mr. Secretary, and then the Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN W. GARDNER, SECRETARY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE; ACCOMPANIED BY RALPH K. HUITT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATION; HAROLD HOWE II, COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION; PETER P. MUIRHEAD, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION; AND SAMUEL HALPERIN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATION

Secretary GARDNER. Madam Chairman and members of the subcommittee, the record of the Congress in dealing with higher education is a distinguished one, beginning with the first Morrill Act of 1862. In recent years this subcommittee has added luster to that legislative tradition. In that the 1967 Higher Education Amendments propose to renew and refine several successful elements of existing legislation, they carry on the tradition. In that they seek to provide a broader and more flexible base for the training of educational personnel, they may