in answers to two questions, one, when I said, "How about the State departments of education?" you said there is a danger I would be creating so many categories you would have to increase the size of the Council, and when I asked if it is possible you would need all State departments of education, you said you wouldn't think so; you would need further experience. But serving as Commissioner of State departments of education at the time it didn't seem to be a matter of issue but that you would have this experience. Does this mean you are contemplating the possibility you wouldn't want a person who actually was serving at the present time on the State department of education?

Mr. HOWE. Not at all. Of course we have on the Advisory Council at the present time a number of chief State school officers. I recall a chief State school officer on the Title III Committee and one or more on the Title V Committee. Sprinkled throughout the Advisory Council structure you will find chief State school officers or their assistants. We want to include people working in the State departments of education on these kinds of committees.

Really my interest is to maintain a flexibility here and not build a record which then means we have a whole lot of categories that have been named as a promise to get on a committee and we find ourselves so structured that we would have a real problem in developing the committee. But I have a great interest in having State people on advisory committees, and we continually get them.

Mr. QUIE. I will leave but will try to be back.

Mr. HOWE. Now, Madam Chairman, we were discussing title III. Then we jumped into a discussion of some other matters. I ought to go back to reviewing the titles of NDEA and go to title IV of the fellowship graduate program; here again we are asking for a 5-year extension.

We do so against a background of a growing proportion of the higher education institutions which offer the Ph. D. degree participating in this graduate fellowship program, and as of 1967 and 1968 we foresee 90 percent of the institutions offering the Ph. D.'s will be involved in the graduate fellowship program.

We are suggesting one or two things, again reaching toward flexibility in this legislation. One is the discretion of the Commissioner in extending grants to 4-year periods of study. I believe the present limitation is a 3-year period of study. Another change suggested is that instead of stipulating the exact stipend in the legislation that we make the stipends adjustable so we may keep them in line with fellowship stipends offered by other agencies of the Government.

You ought to know there has been some study of this matter of stipends offered by different agencies of the Government through the Federal Interagency Committee on Education. I think that Committee will have a useful influence in bringing these stipends into line so that we don't get into competitive kind of shopping for fellowships, but really have a more coordinated arrangement for setting stipends. I think these are the major suggestions we have for title IV of NDEA.

Now, going to title V, which provides for guidance counseling and testing services and provides institutes for counseling and testing, we are suggesting that part (b) of title V which provides for counseling in institutes be transferred into the Education Professions Develop-