community, in the broadest sense, will benefit increasingly by having access to a large and growing source of important foreign materials if this program is continued and expanded as described in section 232 of H.R. 6232 and H.R. 6265.

This amendment deserves the strong support, as the whole Nation benefits from improvements in the services and resources of the Library of Congress.

We would urge, however, that section 231 be amended to authorize continuation of the program for 5 fiscal years, instead of 2 years, to conform to other parts of the bill and to insure continuity of planning and administration of this important program.

TITLE IV—STUDENT ASSISTANCE

New provisions for work-study programs for college students might possibly provide college libraries with a supplementary source of student assistance. It appears doubtful, however, whether students who are permitted to work 40 hours a week while attending summer classes would profit from their studies.

Perhaps I misunderstood the provision there but it certainly seems doubtful to me that they could do very much in the way of study if they were going to work that much time.

TITLE VI—INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

A title of the Higher Education Act which has and will do much to improve undergraduate instruction is title VI. We heartily support continuation of this program. Elimination of present restrictions on subjects for which equipment grants could be made is recommended.

At this point, if I may, I would like to read a very brief statement which I should have included in my original statement. There is one matter not included in my formal statement that I want to comment on, as I just said.

This is on behalf of the American Library Association and especially the Division of College and Research Libraries. We do not believe that section 1001 of title X is in the best interest of the young people who are the students in our colleges and universities. We favor the provision now in effect which places a ceiling of 6 percent on the interest rate for loans made under title III of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963.

We believe the proposal in section 1001 of title 10 would result in higher student fees and for this reason we respectfully urge that section 1001 be deleted from the two bills before you.

Madam Chairman and members of the committee, I am grateful for this opportunity to appear before you. I thank you and respectfully urge prompt and favorable action on the Higher Education Amendments of 1967.

Mrs. GREEN. I have two questions; perhaps Germaine Krettek can answer this, too.

When the American Library Association comes to testify before this committee and other committees on bills relating to grants to libraries and when you support the legislation, or if you oppose it,