I am greatly interested in the priorities being established by educational groups and groups interested in education this year. Apparently there is no concern over the cut in funds across the board and the small request for one very small program.

Would you have any comments on this?

Mrs. SRYGLEY. I would just like to say, Madam Chairman, traditionally librarians are considered instructional personnel and they must be certified as teachers.

It seems a logical thing that under this teacher educational fellowship program school librarians should be one of the significant types of positions that would be funded, particularly in view of this national crisis in shortage of library personnel, which we have just discussed, this would be extremely important.

I don't believe that I have the knowledge to comment too much on what you have just said about appropriations, although this is somewhat surprising to me, I think I may say, and very interesting.

Mrs. GREEN. In terms of facilities under title I, the undergraduate facilities of the Higher Education Facilities Act, this year we have a request of only 54 percent of the authorized funds for fiscal year 1968. The request for fiscal year 1968 is $63,000,000 less than the actual appropriation for last fiscal year.

I have not received any protest over this up to this point. Does this mean the librarians and people in education feel we have reached the saturation point on construction and we no longer need construction for library facilities at the university level?

Miss KRETTEK. We are testifying vigorously on the need for full funding for college construction for the whole program.

Mr. GELFAND. In case of the Higher Education Facilities Act, I think one of the difficulties is a certain amount of matching is called for. I think many of our small institutions are simply incapable of meeting that in the time allowed under this new act. This is unfortunate but it really is, I think, a practical matter.

Well, it stymies us. We wanted to apply for a special-purpose grant in my college under the college resources provisions of title II of the Higher Education Act and we are so far extended financially that we simply could not find another $35,000 that would qualify us to ask for three times that amount then in the special-purpose grant.

The situation, of course, is quite different with respect to requesting money in aid of buiding, construction, because we run here into the millions.

Even a small college library buiding of let us say 50,000 square feet of space is going to cost you a million or more to put up. First you have to have the matching money yourself before going out to ask for additional funds.

Then to say we can expect the Federal Government to pay all the money, perhaps that is unreasonable. We have to find more sources at home in order to take full advantage of the Federal sources.

Mrs. GREEN. Are you saying the $387 million is sufficient for fiscal 1968? Is this the thrust of your argument?

Mr. GELFAND. I would hate to see the appropriation reduced below the authorization for fiscal year 1968, and the money ought still to be available to encourage institutions to go out and find their own matching funds, but I am not in a position to comment in specific terms.