

the executive branch has complete control over the priorities as is obvious in the request for appropriations.

The only way I know to offset this is that the committee should give consideration, after we determine the authorization, to a lump sum for the entire bill, and then say, if there are any cuts in any parts, they would be prorated at a certain percentage.

This leaves some kind of congressional control, otherwise Congress has completely abdicated any control over various items.

Mr. LUMLEY. I realize they are not asking for the money on the authorization you have put in in the last year. They have less to justify or less of a goal in a sense if you do not have the amount of money specified in the authorization which you, as a committee, have decided is not the maximum, say \$250 million, so that the Budget Bureau and Office of Education, when they come back to you and ask for only a hundred million, they have to justify it. If you use the expression they use in here, "such sums as are necessary," it throws it back into the hands of the executive department to come to you and say that is all they need.

Mrs. GREEN. You have always considered it a minimum when you testified?

Mr. LUMLEY. That is right.

Mrs. GREEN. I was told by one person from the Office of Education this was a ceiling not a minimum.

Mr. LUMLEY. No; we always felt this way. This is one of the reasons we felt there was debate in a committee for an authorization; it was the minimum they thought should be given and the appropriation could meet.

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you very much.

Mr. QUIE. Dr. Lumley, you have made these same comments about your concern over the Commissioner of Education contracting directly with private profitmaking organizations?

Mr. LUMLEY. Yes, sir; we did last year on the corporate research, and we did it at the elementary-secondary hearings.

Mr. QUIE. This was raised in my mind before, and I had not crystallized my thinking to the extent that I was ready to make the strong statement that you did here. However, I am surely pleased that you did, for two reasons.

One, I am convinced that you are sure in your own mind that you are saying the right thing, and, secondly, you are willing to throw a few hard punches, and I like to see the NEA throw hard punches. I think this is the kind of independent organization we need. That is why I mention the language on pages 6 and 7. I hate to see them start to contract with professional and scholarly associations and weaken their independent voice.

I would like to see the American Library Association come in and speak their own mind. I would like to make sure Germaine Krettek will continue to do as she has in the past, and you will, too.

You know our chairman's concern even from the contract NEA received before with the Office of Education.

Have you any comment on any of the other organizations?

Mr. LUMLEY. I can't comment for any of the other organizations, but the comment I made when the question was raised at the previous