

The allocation of funds under Title III of NDEA would proceed as present. H.R. 8203 would not close out or abolish the loan program, but it is contemplated that little use would be made of that provision after the inauguration of matching grants. It would be possible, therefore, to add a large portion of prospective loan funds to grant allocations for the states.

In passing I might mention that the bill provides for allocations by the states to non-public schools or "groups of schools." By this wording it is my hope to encourage the trend toward greater coordination among parochial schools.

In the past these schools have been characterized by their de-centralized nature. Too often this has meant less than adequate planning and coordination of activities.

Today, fortunately, these problems have been recognized and an effort is being made to correct them. It is my hope that this legislation will provide increased inducement for non-public schools to consolidate their planning in the best interests of the education they provide their students.

Madame Chairman, I am convinced that only by amending the National Defense Education Act, as H.R. 8203 does, can the purposes of that historic legislation be achieved.

The seven million children who attend nonpublic schools are no less important to the future defense and security needs of our Nation than those who attend public schools. We must quickly indicate our recognition of that fact by amending title III of NDEA in order to provide them with fair and equitable benefits.

The text of the bill follows.

[H.R. 8203, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To amend the National Defense Education Act of 1958 to make equipment purchased under title III thereof available to all children attending public and private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 303(a) (1) of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 is amended (1) by striking out "public" after "or reading in", (2) by inserting "public" after "of local", and (3) by inserting immediately before the semicolon at the end thereof the following: "in public schools".

(b) Section 303(a) of such Act is amended by renumbering paragraph (5) thereof as paragraph (6), and by inserting immediately after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

"(5) provides assurance that such laboratory and other special equipment will be provided on an equitable basis for the use of children and teachers in private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools in the State which comply with the compulsory attendance laws of the State or are otherwise recognized by it through some procedure customarily used in the State, but such equipment shall be provided for use in such a school or group of schools only if such school or group of schools has expended an equal amount of its funds derived from private sources for equipment or remodeling described in paragraph (1);".

SEC. 2. (a) Section 304(a) of such Act is amended by inserting after "except that" the following: "(1) the payment on account of equipment provided for use in private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools shall be equal to the full amount expended for such equipment and (2)".

(b) Section 304 of such Act is amended at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(c) In any State which has a State plan approved under section 303(b) and in which no State agency is authorized by law to provide laboratory or other special equipment for the use of children and teachers in any one or more public or private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools in such State, the Commissioner shall arrange for the provision on an equitable basis of such laboratory and other special equipment for such use."

SEC. 3. Section 305 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"PUBLIC CONTROL OF LABORATORY AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY BE
MADE AVAILABLE

"SEC. 305. (a) Title to laboratory and other special equipment furnished pursuant to this title, and control and administration of their use, shall vest only in a public agency.