

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1967

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 9:45 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2261, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Edith Green (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Green, Brademas, Gibbons, Hathaway, Quie, and Esch.

Also present: William Gaul, associate counsel of the full committee; Richard H. Martin, counsel for the subcommittee; and Charles W. Radcliffe, minority counsel for education.

Mrs. GREEN. The subcommittee will come to order for the further consideration of H.R. 6232 and H.R. 6265, again directing our attention to the guaranteed student loan program.

The first person to appear before the committee this morning is our distinguished colleague from Florida, Representative Claude Pepper.

Mr. Pepper, we are very pleased you could come. We are anxious to have your comments. So you may proceed.

STATEMENT OF HON. CLAUDE PEPPER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Mr. PEPPER. Thank you very much, Madam Chairman and members of the committee.

I first would like to commend in the warmest way, for the record, the magnificent work that this committee and particularly the distinguished gentlewoman from Oregon has done in the field of education. Many a bright light will burn from souls and minds that otherwise would have been darker had it not been for the splendid contribution that you made to brighten their minds and their spirits.

There will be many who either articulately or inarticulately will call for your blessing for all you have done. I would like particularly to thank the members of this committee for granting me the opportunity to testify on the need to revitalize the guaranteed student loan program.

I would also like to commend the committee on the excellent job of investigation it has been doing and, I am sure, will continue to do on this highly important matter.

The guaranteed student loan program which was authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965, has met with severe setbacks to date and has been unable to meet the needs of many of those desiring student loans.