hopes we had for it when we adopted the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Madam Chairman, I would like to ask leave to insert in the record following my remarks certain newspaper clippings pertaining to this subject which I have here that I think are relevant.

Mrs. GREEN. Without objection it is so ordered.

Mr. PEPPER. I add only this. This guaranteed program I consider comparable to the guaranteed loan program to veterans for the building of homes.

I have long believed that as much as possible we should let private enterprise handle the housekeeping chores that go with lending. I prefer insurance programs which are properly defined and properly operated.

Just yesterday the Rules Committee called attention of the able chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to the improvement in the investment loan program, the extended-risk program which they provided for in the foreign aid bill which will be before us right away, shortly.

In the last talk I ever had with President Kennedy, coming back up on the plane from Florida, on Monday of the fatal week, I asked about this loan program.

I asked, "Have you been giving consideration particularly to the improvement of our lending program?"

He said, "I thought we were doing pretty well with it, insuring our exports abroad."

I said, "Well, Germany and Britain are insuring 20 percent of their exports and we are insuring 1 percent."

He said, "I didn't realize that."

I said, "If we let private enterprise do more of the housekeeping down there and we insure the loan our losses on insurance in my opinion would be less than what we had to put up directly through Governmental operation."

He reached in one pocket and came out with a piece of paper and reached in another pocket and came out with a stub pencil and wrote a note down. I was hopeful he would give his attention to the subject.

I am heartily in favor of the Government lending program when it has to be done but as much as possible if it could achieve the same result let the banks carry as much of the burden of it as possible and let the Government carry as much of the insurance as possible.

To do that it must work and it has not been working heretofore.

Thank you very much, Madam Chairman.

(The newspaper clippings referred to follow:)

[From the Miami Herald, Aug. 3, 1967]

DADE PARENTS COMPLAIN—BANKS CONTINUE TO BALK ON LOANS TO COLLEGIANS

(By Don Bedwell)

Disturbed by complaints from Miami parents, Congressman Claude Pepper Wednesday introduced legislation designed to entice reluctant Dade County bankers to grant federal participation students loans.

So far, Pepper said, Dade banks have snubbed the loans, available to students in most other parts of the country.

"Our loan people don't feel even the changes suggested would make the difference," said a First National Bank of Miami source.