

STATE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Oklahoma City, October 23, 1967.

Hon. ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: I appreciate your letter concerning Senate Bill 1974. This bill is of particular interest since the Oklahoma Surplus Property Agency is experiencing a lack of property, both in quantity and quality. We are all aware that the war effort has a great deal to do with this problem.

I am told that the AID program does absorb property that would be desirable to schools, hospitals and Civil Defense units. If your investigation indicates that the property distributed through AID is abused and consequently is creating a waste, I would strongly support corrective legislation.

Any consideration that Congress can give the Surplus Property program during this critical period will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

DEWEY F. BARTLETT, Governor.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
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TENNESSEE,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Nashville, October 26, 1967.

Hon. ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: The surplus property program is used by State and local agencies with much success in Tennessee. Any changes that would improve the quality and quantity of items available to our agencies should be beneficial to the program.

I have referred your letter of October 5 to the State Department of Education for review. Should that agency have any comments on the provisions of S. 1974, they will be forwarded to you.

With warmest personal regards,
Sincerely,

BUFORD ELLINGTON.

important bill and should receive favorable consideration. You may be interested in knowing that our association is lending its best efforts along this line, and you may count on our department's full support in endeavoring to obtain more equipment and supplies for the eligible State agencies.