

As you all know, the extension program is a "cooperative" one, shared in by individuals, counties, states and the Federal government. To be truly successful, we should not deny this right of cooperation from the District. This will mean involvement in the planning, and in financing this program at all levels. However, until some further degree of progress has been made toward self-sufficiency and responsibility has been made in the District, I believe that we should not force the District of Columbia at this time to make their rightful financial contribution. However, this must be a goal to be reached if this program is to be a truly "District of Columbia Extension Program."

I do support the passage of H.R. 15280 immediately and urge my colleagues to regard this program favorably.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Gude, Mr. Nelson has already made a brief statement and his full statement has been made a part of the record; so has Mr. Horton and Mr. Zwach, who just concluded his statement. Do you have any statement that you would like to make before we hear from the witnesses?

Mr. GUDE. No; not at this time.

Mr. SISK. All right. The Committee has with it this morning Dr. Frank Farner, President of the Federal City College, and Dr. Eugene Wiegman, Director of the College Extension Service. If you two gentlemen would come up to the witness stand, the Committee will be glad to hear from you; whichever one of you would like, speak first. We will leave that choice up to you. I believe we have a statement, written statement, here from you, Dr. Farner; so if you want to, proceed with it.

And I might say, you might summarize this or you can read it in its entirety. In either case, without objection the full statement of Dr. Farner, the President of the Federal City College, will be made a part of the record. This is a combined statement by you, Dr. Farner, and Dr. Wiegman?

Dr. FARNER. Yes.

Mr. SISK. You gentlemen may proceed in whatever way you wish. As I said, you can read the statement in its entirety or summarize it, whichever you prefer.

STATEMENT OF DR. FRANK FARNER, PRESIDENT, FEDERAL CITY COLLEGE, AND DR. EUGENE WIEGMAN, DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION, FEDERAL CITY COLLEGE, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES A. HORSKY, ESQ., PRESIDENT, BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dr. FARNER. Thank you, very much. We appreciate the chance to testify. Since the members of the subcommittee have taken the pains to reduce their time, I think I will try to summarize the first several pages which deal with the intent of the Act and the matter of extending into the District of Columbia the land-grant concept, and move right over our third page which addresses the questions of why a land-grant college in the District of Columbia. And it explains the types of programs which are succeeding elsewhere in urban America and how they could be helpful to the urban setting here in Washington; and then move directly to the issue that was mentioned earlier,