

Mr. SISK. Next, we have Mr. Thomas Moyer, Assistant Corporation Counsel, on the part of the City government. We appreciate your being here this morning, Mr. Moyer. If you have a statement, why proceed to make your statement. We have here a letter directed to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. McMillan, signed by Mr. Fletcher. Without objection, this will be made a part of the record.

(The letter from Mr. Fletcher follows:)

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Washington, March 13, 1968.

HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: The Government of the District of Columbia has for report H.R. 15280 and S. 1999 (passed by the Senate on December 8, 1967), 90th Congress, identical bills "To amend the District of Columbia Public Education Act."

Each of the bills amends the District of Columbia Public Education Act approved November 7, 1966 (Public Law 89-791; 80 Stat. 1426) so as to add at the end of such Act a title IV providing that the Federal City College shall be considered to be a college established for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts in accordance with the provisions of the Morrill Act approved July 2, 1862, as amended, thereby enabling the college to be entitled to benefits under various stated Acts.

The District Government understands that the proposed amendment of the District of Columbia Public Education Act will make it possible for the District to be eligible to receive the benefits of programs administered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Department of Agriculture relating to land-grant colleges. In particular, it would allow the Federal Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture to extend its programs for home economics and 4-H youth development to the District of Columbia. We are of the view that the bills have great potential for the people of the District of Columbia, particularly the hard-to-reach poor.

In the belief that the bills will operate to improve greatly the condition of many of the residents of the District of Columbia, and particularly the poorer residents, the District Government recommends the enactment of one of them.

The Government of the District of Columbia has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Thomas W. Fletcher,
THOMAS W. FLETCHER,
Assistant to the Commissioner,
(For Walter E. Washington, Commissioner).

STATEMENT OF THOMAS MOYER, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT

Mr. MOYER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, my name is Thomas Moyer; I am Assistant Corporation Counsel, and I have been designated to present the views of the government of the District of Columbia on this legislation. I have a brief statement in addition to the letter which you have made a part of the record.

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, thank you for giving the District Government an opportunity to testify on H.R. 15280 and S. 1999, bills to provide the District of Columbia with its own land grant institution. The bills would amend Public Law 89-791, which created the Federal City College, naming this college as the land grant institution for the District of Columbia.