

will students have an opportunity to study in certain fields that would not be offered without land grant college funds and authorization, but will also be able to transfer, on the college senior and graduate level, to sister land grant institutions in the 50 States. We believe this is very desirable because it provides opportunities to young people that have not existed before.

You can see why we endorse this bill without reservation. The benefits that land grant institution status will do for students and citizens of the District of Columbia will be, over the years, immeasurable. We are convinced that the Federal City College will be able to carry our responsibilities of land grant college contributing to the illustrious history of these institutions.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Mr. Moyer, for a very good statement. Does the gentleman from New Mexico have any questions this morning?

Mr. WALKER. No.

Mr. SISK. The gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Harsha.

Mr. HARSHA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Moyer, I notice that you mentioned some 96,000 children from the ages 9 to 19. Would these people between the ages 9 to 19 participate in this program?

Mr. MOYER. Mr. Harsha, I would like to defer to Dr. Wiegman who aided in the preparation of this statement and has a lot more background in this. I noticed that figure was used in the Senate report.

Dr. WIEGMAN. In the 4-H program 9 to 19 is the typical age; yes, sir.

Mr. HARSHA. What is the Corporation Counsel's position on this 100 percent contribution by the Federal Government to this program, as opposed to the 50-50 formula used in the other states.

Mr. MOYER. The District has been in contact with officials of the Agriculture Department and in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the bill as was finally passed by the Senate is agreeable to the District Government as well as to these federal agencies. We believe that this is appropriate for the District under these circumstances.

Mr. HARSHA. Thank you. That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Mr. Moyer.

Mr. MOYER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. SISK. That concludes the list of witnesses which the Chair has before it. Is there anyone else in the room that desires to be heard on this particular piece of legislation?

Mr. HARSHA. Could I ask just one question, Mr. Chairman, of the college group? Is there any opposition to this legislation that you are aware of?

Dr. WIEGMAN. Mr. Harsha, I have encountered none. There was none in the Senate; no opposition has been listed that I am aware of.

Mr. HARSHA. Thank you.

Mr. SISK. I thank all you gentlemen for being here this morning and for making a good case for your cause on this occasion. Let me say that as soon as the transcript has been prepared, the Committee will take a look at it. And I will attempt to assure you, Dr. Farner and Dr. Wiegman—I know your interest in time—that we will try to proceed as rapidly as possible and get into Executive Session as soon as possible.

Mr. HARSHA. Mr. Chairman, I did not mean to interrupt you, but in view of the gentleman's statement that there is no opposition to this