

[In millions of dollars]

(a) An increase in the general sales tax from 3 percent to 4 percent.....	\$10. 6
(b) The elimination of the present 1 percent tax on food sales.....	(3. 3)
(c) An increase in the sales tax on restaurant and liquor sales from 4 percent to 5 percent.....	3. 3
Total.....	10. 6

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,

THOMAS W. FLETCHER,
Assistant to the Commissioner.

(For Walter E. Washington, Commissioner).

Mr. DOWDY. Now, we have some other witnesses on the list. We cannot hear them all today. Do you want to file your statements or have another hearing? Among them are the National and D.C. Education Associations. Would you like to file a statement or do you want to be heard?

Miss GRIFFITH. We would be glad to file, but we would like to be heard just briefly. We do not have to read the statement.

Mr. DOWDY. I regret that we cannot hear you today. I am past time in my office and the bells for the session of the House have already rung.

Miss GRIFFITH. We will file our statement.

Mr. DOWDY. All right. Miss Samuels?

Miss SAMUELS. I will be happy to file mine, sir. I would like to make one point for the record and suggest to the Mayor—tell him first that we appreciate his cooperation—but to suggest to him in addition to working for better salaries of teachers that he take a look at the timing of it and the percent of the City budget which is devoted to the Public Schools if we are to have excellence in education.

Mr. DOWDY. Your statements will be included at this point.

STATEMENT OF MISS ELIZABETH D. GRIFFITH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ACCOMPANIED BY MISS HELEN SAMUELS, LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The District of Columbia Education Association strongly supports H.R. 15747, because it offers the highest pay of all bills introduced for D. C. Public School teachers and school officers. Salaries for teachers in the surrounding area and across the country have been moving upward through fast action taken by local Boards of Education and state legislatures. Although H.R. 15747 was introduced on March 5, 1968, providing a salary range of \$7,000 to \$14,560 for teachers, its maximum salary has already been surpassed by Fairfax County's \$16,000 top salary for teachers.

It has been asserted that the schools in Washington, D. C. should be a model for our nation, yet across the years, the salaries of urban teachers have not kept pace with the competition offered in suburban communities, private industry, other professions or the government. Outstanding young people, who are so desperately needed in the field of education, and especially in the teaching profession in big cities, are seeking more financial security in professions and occupations offering higher remuneration. Fewer are selecting teaching as a career.