

made by the Corporation for any one project or to any one station a like restriction for fiscal 1969.

We understand that these amendments are technical in nature necessitated by the delay in the nominations of the directors of the Corporation and the consequent delay in its organization.

The Commission therefore has no objection to enactment of H.R. 15986.

Sincerely yours,

ROSEL H. HYDE, *Chairman.*

Mr. MACDONALD. In his education message to the Congress dated February 5, 1968, President Johnson stated:

I am asking the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, all of whom have been studying this problem since the law was enacted, to work with the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the appropriate committees of the Congress to formulate a long-range financing plan that will promote and protect this vital new force in American life.

Because of the importance of the long-range plan of financing, and the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee's involvement in the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, we would expect to receive assurance, which I am sure we will get today, from the representatives of the Departments of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Treasury, and the Bureau of the Budget that the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is an "appropriate committee of the Congress" within the meaning of the President's message.

We would also like some indication from those representatives on how they intend to work with this committee in formulating a long-range financing plan for the corporation.

Unfortunately, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, the Honorable Frank Pace, Jr., is hospitalized and cannot appear before the subcommittee today. However, the subcommittee is fortunate in having in his place the Honorable Joseph D. Hughes, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who is a member of the Board of Directors. He is a governor and vice president of T. Mellon & Sons, and is also co-chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee for Public TV.

If Mr. Hughes will come forward, I understand he is accompanied by a gentleman who is well known to us, and who is a great friend of our very distinguished chairman of the full committee.

We welcome you both. I am sure Chairman Staggers would like to say a few words in welcoming you both.

Mr. STAGGERS. Thank you very kindly, Mr. Macdonald.

I would like to welcome Mr. Hughes and Mr. Stephen Ailes to the committee. As Chairman Macdonald has said, Mr. Hughes is a renowned banker from Pittsburgh, with a name we have known for many years to be associated with money, the Mellon interests.

I would like to welcome Stephen Ailes, who is one of our distinguished West Virginians. He is the grandson of one of the great and distinguished Governors of our State. He is also former Secretary of the Army of the United States.

We are happy to have both of you. We are especially happy to welcome Mr. Ailes because I have known him, his family, and all of his relatives, who live in my district, close by my hometown at Keyser. They live in Romney. Steve now is a member of the law firm of Step-toe & Johnson.

We do welcome both of you to be witnesses on what I consider to be an important subject that affects all America.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.