

Broadcasting Corporation, is going to address itself to the question of long-range financing? Are you going to have a subcommittee working on this problem?

Is the entire Corporation going to be doing it? When are you going to get started?

These are the kinds of questions I have in mind.

Mr. HUGHES. And very valid questions. Mr. Brotzman.

I would assume that a subcommittee of the Board, a finance committee, will be constituted, as is normal corporate procedure, and that will concentrate on the financing side. It is my understanding that we have other witnesses here today who will speak more specifically on the method of financing, both from the Treasury, HEW, and the Bureau of the Budget. But it is undoubtedly the case that we will have constituted a finance committee from the Board.

Mr. BROTZMAN. And the rest of it, I would hope, is going to be constituted in the very near future; is that correct?

Mr. HUGHES. We are waiting for today, Mr. Brotzman. Regrettably, for Mr. Pace's illness, which has set us back, but Dr. Killian has been named vice chairman on an ad hoc basis and will be able to function legally in the absence of the chairman from this morning forward.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Thank you very much.

I have no further questions.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Springer.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Hughes, have you been filled in by the national education group on what took place in the passage of this bill?

Mr. HUGHES. I know the legislative history, Mr. Springer. I have not been filled in by that organization, as such.

Mr. SPRINGER. In other words, you are acquainted with the background of this?

Mr. HUGHES. Yes.

Mr. SPRINGER. May I say to you that if everything is run as WQED is in Pittsburgh, we would have no trouble with anybody. We are hoping that we won't have any difficulty under any circumstances.

But I think we ought to be clear on what was sort of intended, I think, when we got this thing together.

First of all, as you know, the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 provided for three titles. Title I provided for money from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to do something. Title III provided for HEW to do something else. Title II did not provide for HEW to do anything. You understand that. You are independent.

Mr. HUGHES. That is correct.

Mr. SPRINGER. You are not dependent upon anybody except an appropriation from this body.

Mr. HUGHES. Correct, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. I think the President did an excellent job, and I have so told him, on the appointment of the Board. We have come up with a high-class Board. That is my opinion as of this date in 1968. I think you have about as good a Board as he could have drawn from one end of this country to the other.

Mr. HUGHES. Thank you.

Mr. SPRINGER. Therefore, being independent, your job, do you understand, is to produce the best programming that you know how within your capabilities?