

must not be permitted to become vehicles for the promotion of one or another political cause, party or candidate. In the same manner, the bill strives to insulate the Corporation from governmental control. The committee intends to see to it that the local educational broadcasting stations conduct their operations without Corporation interference or control.

So clearly the committee struggled with the same problem again.

With respect to jurisdiction, I think it is very, very clear that this committee, which originated this legislation, which conducted the hearings on it, not only this time but on the original facilities act of 1962, is obviously the committee with the primary jurisdiction over the program. It is your legislation. You will review it at the end of the first year to determine where you want to go from here.

There is just no question in my mind but what the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee will be the principal and most important committee on the House side to deal with this.

When we talked about appropriate committees, we were talking not only about the House committees, but the committees in the other body, so there are at least four committees involved. There would be your committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee.

But clearly, the way the bill is drafted and the way the extension amendments are drafted, it will be necessary to come back before this committee in order to get any changes or adjustments or improvements in the act as you have passed it last year.

Mr. MACDONALD. I agree with most everything you say. But if you feel that way, why does this testimony, which must have been cleared between three departments, talk about "appropriate committees" when it is very clear to me what the appropriate committees are? Here in the House it is the Commerce Committee and the Appropriations Committee. It is the same way in the Senate. It would be after it clears Senator Magnuson's Commerce Committee and then go to the Appropriations Committee over there.

Mr. COSTON. I think this is very clear. I don't think Mr. Carey disagrees.

Mr. MACDONALD. I don't say he does. I say his testimony does.

Mr. COSTON. I don't think we thought very much of the use of the word "appropriate" except we were possibly going to save a couple of lines by not specifying the committees that would have concern about this.

Mr. CAREY. I think it is pretty clear that what this committee does in the area of public broadcasting will be decisive on what the country will have in the way of public broadcasting. I don't think there is any question at all about the primacy of the committee we would be consulting.

I simply felt at this stage, and having come very recently myself to this business of public broadcasting, that the language ought to—well, I must say I didn't particularly struggle terribly over the prose in the statement; I just wrote what I was trying generally to get across here. But I think the use of the word "appropriate" is simply to stay somewhat loose, because I can't predict with enough exactness, given the fluidity of the problems we are dealing with, what may develop. My assumption at this point is that you have identified the two right committees.