

supposed to do. For us to be arguing about something that we haven't even given a chance, I think, is wrong. We are arguing about whether we should change the figure 1968 to 1969. That is the reason I couldn't see getting far afield on many things right now.

I think that should be kept in mind before the committee. I don't think we should get into political issues. We will fight the political issues in November. I think all we want to do is change the figure 1968 to 1969. That is the issue before the committee.

Mr. HARVEY. May I reply to that, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY. I would just like to call the attention of the chairman of the full committee to the fact that this \$9 million is for next year that they are asking for. I think because it is for next year it makes a significant change. This committee does have to weigh the priorities, whether it is the important bill you say it is in relation to Vietnam, whether it is the important bill you say it is in relation to the Kerner Commission report, whether it is the important bill in relation to the other problems that our Nation faces.

I doubt that it is, It isn't, in my judgment. I would hope that is not that important a bill in the President's judgment. I would hope, for example, that his lack of comment on the Kerner Commission report did not reflect that he was unhappy with that report. I would hope that he is going to give it more emphasis than that.

Mr. STAGGERS. I might say in reply to that, that that is a difference of opinion. You certainly have a right to your opinion. I say we are only here today to decide whether we are going to change 1968 to 1969. I reiterate my opinion that it is the most important bill this committee is going to put out for the future of America. I just don't know what it would be.

Mr. MACDONALD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Brotzman?

Mr. BROTZMAN. I have no questions.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Brown?

Mr. BROWN. Far be it from me to get involved in a colloquy between the chairman and Mr. Harvey. I would like to observe that this is part of our philosophy of "legislation now and pay later" that seems to be rampant in this country.

You seem to be coming up to the "pay later" part of that without any very good answers.

Before we get into that, I would like to ask Mr. Coston this question: Mr. Broyhill read some of the minority views in the committee report when we passed public broadcasting last year. I would like to read from the general report on page 12. There is this comment.

HEW testified it will not be able to approve all of the applications currently in hand because they would exceed the \$10.5 million authorized in this bill.

Have any of those applications under title I been abandoned or set aside?

Mr. COSTON. No, sir; those applications are still all on file and will be processed when the appropriations are forthcoming.

Mr. BROWN. Have you had any additional applications?

Mr. COSTON. I believe we have; yes, sir.

Mr. BROWN. Do you know where the figure stands now?