

Mr. COSTON. I am not sure, but I can supply it for the record and I will do so.

(The information requested follows:)

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON PENDING
EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FACILITIES REQUESTS

Applications for educational television facilities continue to be received by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The Educational Television Facilities Act of 1962 (P.L. 87-447) authorizes funding of applications received prior to June 30, 1968. As of March 25, 1968, 66 educational television facilities applications had been received and are pending for a total of \$40,413,000 in project casts.

No requests for noncommercial radio facilities, authorized under the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 (P.L. 90-129) have been invited or received.

A Federal share of not to exceed 75 percent of the project cost as authorized under the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 would require up to \$30,309,750 in Federal funds to support all existing educational television facilities applications.

However, the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 places a limitation of 8½ percent on the amount of an annual appropriation which can be distributed within one State. With this restriction imposed on the FY 1969 request of \$12.5 million for grants, an amount of \$14,480,000 in pending project costs exceed the 8½ percent limitation in 6 States. Therefore, there is a total of \$25,933,000 in existing projects eligible for consideration, or a total of up to \$19,500,000 eligible for Federal funding support, based on the 75 percent Federal share authorized under Title I of the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967.

Mr. BROWN. If you would, I would appreciate it.

Am I to understand that there is no urgency now about funding those applications or about making the funds available to those applicants?

Mr. COSTON. We have the applications on file. Because of the changes in the law, there is a rather extensive redesigning of the procedures and regulations that will be required to take account of the revised provisions, such things as the inclusion of radio, for example.

Mr. BROWN. \$500,000 was your estimate last year required to provide educational radio facilities? Has that changed?

Mr. COSTON. No; I would say that is roughly the ratio at the moment; yes, sir. But as soon as we get our procedures revised and are able to begin processing applications under the new procedures, we would expect to resume that program.

Mr. BROWN. So this is all merely procedural. There is no real thought that you want to set aside the importance that was expressed last year on the funding of these applications?

Mr. COSTON. No, sir.

Mr. BROWN. Do you have any idea when those procedures will be straightened out so that we can proceed with the funding of these applications?

Mr. COSTON. We will expect to be in a position to resume funding of projects under title I when the appropriations are forthcoming, sir.

Mr. BROWN. Wait a minute. Is it procedural or is it because of the appropriations?

Mr. COSTON. It is both. We do not have an appropriation at this point. We have not requested a supplemental appropriation. Our position was—

Mr. BROWN. That is my question. Why not?

Mr. COSTON. Because we have not yet gotten the new procedures and the new operations design.