

graming not yet more than dreamed of, directed to the needs and interests of the American people.

Locally, regionally, and nationally, educational radio and television broadcasters, aided by the Corporation, must reach out to the problems of our people, must furnish the means for realizing communication among peoples. America realizes today as never before that education cannot stop when schooling ends; that education in the context of our needs is not necessarily formal instruction.

Continued opportunity for continuing education in the broadest and most significant sense, in promoting community understanding, will be an important goal of the Corporation's programming responsibility. We are already late in meeting this goal; further delay is unthinkable.

We reiterate, and incorporate herewith by reference, all of the supportive testimony which we and many others have submitted in earlier hearings on the Public Broadcasting Act. If the authorization cannot be realized in 1968, then it has to be 1969. The need is now.

You will note in reviewing my statement that there is a great note of urgency, which I think has not been brought out in the hearing this morning. I shall assume that the committee members will note that in the statement.

I would like to give you one more statement. I am from Wisconsin, though I am not a pleader for Wisconsin. That is the situation I know best. The story I am about to tell you is pretty much typical of situations elsewhere around the country with respect to the understandable delay in what has happened in these appropriations, both in terms of title I, which is an extension of the Facilities Act, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The momentum which was generated by this committee and by others in the Congress by the passing of the Public Broadcasting Act last fall enabled a great deal of activity on the part of States and local groups all over the country last year.

In Wisconsin, we are pioneers in educational radio. We will celebrate our 50th anniversary next year, but there has been difficulty in establishing statewide educational television.

Thanks to the efforts of many of you on this committee in the passage of the Public Broadcasting Act, the Wisconsin Legislature, in the last hours of its session last December, passed on Educational Communications Act, authorizing the State to proceed with the establishment of additional educational television stations, arranged for \$400,000 under long-term bonding for matching funds, engineering surveys, and so on.

A new board, responsible for both educational radio and educational television has been established and met March 1. I reported on the first meeting of this board to the major entity concerned with education in the State of Wisconsin, the Coordinating Committee for Higher Education in Wisconsin, on the 1st of March. My report was accepted. I won't go into the details of this.

The important point for this committee is, I think, that I was asked one question when I finished that report. The question came from Walter J. Kohler, former Governor of Wisconsin, now the chairman of this coordinating committee. Governor Kohler said:

I understand that now that we have passed this legislation and we are all set to go, the Congress hasn't acted with the appropriation. What is the story?