

I think that a rapid action on the part of this committee on this amendment and subsequent appropriations for the corporation will enable this new, excellent board to find the kind of staff that it needs.

Second, that such action also will encourage the corporation members and will make manifestly easier for them the job of securing private funds. From the very beginning there has been the argument, quite properly, that the funds this corporation has at its disposal should be both public and private.

I could go into that from my experience. I know there are many national and regional groups that look with favor upon the establishment of the corporation as a place where they can put their dollars to help all of public broadcasting rather than contributing specifically to one station or another.

That, in essence, Mr. Chairman, are the points I would like to make.

Mr. MACDONALD. Thank you very much.

Our next witness is Ben Kubasik of the National Citizens Committee for Public Television.

STATEMENT OF BEN KUBASIK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC TELEVISION

Mr. KUBASIK. My name is Ben Kubasik, executive director of the Citizens Committee for Public Television.

Thomas Hoving is chairman of the National Citizens Committee for Public Television. Mr. Hoving would have been here today were he not abroad on business in his capacity as director of New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

I am here today to speak on behalf of the 120 distinguished Americans who comprise the committee and, by extension, those millions of Americans who anticipate change in broadcasting through public television and public radio.

The Citizens Committee is growing. More individual Americans are being asked to join. Thousands of other citizens are serving in auxiliary capacities to the national committee. These include members of national organizations and associations as well as participants in presently constituted and newly forming State and local organizations aiding in the growth of public broadcasting.

I urge on their behalf the immediate amendment of the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 to allow the \$9 million authorized to finance the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to carry over into fiscal 1969.

We obviously would have preferred that the initial intent of the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 had been carried out. This would have meant that \$9 million would have been made available to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal 1968. And that the \$10.5 million in facilities and new construction moneys would have been made available to stations in fiscal 1968.

By saying this, I am reiterating the unanimously passed resolution put forward by the National Citizens Committee at its first annual membership meeting, held only a month and a half ago in New Orleans. If no objection, I would like to submit for the record both the resolution and a list of the committee's membership. (See pp. 39-42.)

In the resolution, the committee hailed the Congress for passing the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 and noted that by its action the