

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1968

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to call, in room 2261, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Edith Green (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Green, Brademas, Gibbons, Carey, Hathaway, Burton, Scheuer, Quie, Reid, Erlenborn, and Esch.

Mrs. GREEN. The subcommittee will come to order.

STATEMENT OF HON. HAROLD HOWE II, U.S. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION; ACCOMPANIED BY PETER P. MUIRHEAD, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION; ALBERT L. ALFORD, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LEGISLATION; JAMES W. MOORE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, BUREAU OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND MARK WEISS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE UNDER SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Mrs. GREEN. The subcommittee will come to order for the consideration of the Higher Education Amendments of 1968. I think it is fair to say that, measured in almost every way, the legislation before us today is impressive. H.R. 15067 contains 12 titles, and my staff advises me that in draft form it contained 150 pages and weighed over one pound 2 ounces.

The bill proposes the extension and revision of 16 programs and suggests the creation of four new ones. In addition, there is proposed the consolidation of the four student aid programs into the Educational Opportunity Act of 1968.

In part, H.R. 15067 is identical to H.R. 6232 and in part it is similar. The subcommittee conducted 8 days of hearings on H.R. 6232 last year. Before us also are amendments to the guaranteed student loan program which are in part identical and in part similar to recommendations presented to the subcommittee last August. The subcommittee conducted 4 days of hearings on these recommendations.

H.R. 15067 suggests that certain questions, which have been asked before, need to be asked again.

For example, what is the rationale for forgiving an NDEA loan of a student who comes from a family with an income of \$6,500, and for not forgiving a guaranteed student loan of a student from a family with an income of \$7,500?