

Mrs. GREEN. Have you under title II?

Mr. MUIRHEAD. Under title II which is the graduate facilities provision of the Higher Education Facilities Act, we have not supported a consortia type of facility, to my knowledge.

Mr. HOWE. I think the basic response here is that institutions think of themselves alone when they think of building university facilities and they don't always think of what the possibilities might be for pulling in other institutions. We would encourage them to think of that possibility.

I think that kind of network which we are suggesting, which does not include capital construction at all, might have an influence on the construction side and might encourage institutions to think about joint planning for construction possibilities—

Mrs. GREEN. As I recall we specifically wrote into title II authority for cooperative efforts. It is my recollection we did this because there were a lot of cooperative efforts.

Why would it not be advisable to stress this too in terms of facilities in title I as well?

Mr. HOWE. I think it is a very good suggestion to stress the facilities side of this. I think we probably have adequate authority, don't we, Mr. Muirhead, to do this?

Mr. MUIRHEAD. Yes; we do have adequate authority.

Mrs. Green is quite correct in pointing out that this is one of the goals that we had hoped to achieve through title II, that we would find the universities joining together and sharing their resources. It has not emerged.

I think one of the reasons is that there would have to be a new board set up representing the constituent parts; that board would be representative not only of the universities but the communities to be served. This has proven to be a difficult thing for universities to achieve.

I would like to second what the Commissioner has just said, that we should encourage these efforts, not only with respect to the proposal for the education networks but also with respect to the proposal for strengthening graduate education. If we could find some way by which graduate schools could combine their resources, the whole concept of sharing resources should be stressed.

Mr. HATHAWAY. I wonder if you would go a step further and apply a little mild coercion by way of withholding funds unless universities that were close together and could cooperate very easily came up with a plan for cooperation?

Mr. HOWE. I have discovered that withholding funds is not a popular exercise. So I think maybe we ought to do it through encouragement and suggestion rather than withholding funds.

Mr. HATHAWAY. They both could amount to the same thing.

What I was wondering is whether you thought we should write into law words to that effect. It seems to be a waste of money to be building libraries that are only a half mile apart and doubling the amount of money that we would have to spend.

Mr. HOWE. You are suggesting writing this into the Higher Education Facilities Act?

Mr. HATHAWAY. Yes.

Mr. HOWE. Suggesting a concept of a bonus or planning money to make the exercise possible or something of that kind?