

On the other hand, I would hope that we could start with this bill. I think the bill is 10 years late in coming. We urgently need it. We could start at least with the development of the programs which badly need to be developed in our graduate schools and in the interrelationship of curriculum at the graduate level and the undergraduate level. From all that I read and from all that I experience in employing people coming out of the relatively few schools of public administration and public affairs that we have at the present time, there is much need for more and more improvement in the kind of training and the extent of training for public affairs that is given in our universities today.

I do not know that I can add anything. Do you have anything you can add to that?

Mr. HUIIT. I would say simply that even in wartime we have to go ahead planning, we have to go ahead starting things. There will be some graduate students. If this is worth doing I don't think we ought to put it off 2 or 3 years simply because there is a war on.

I recognize the conflict that you mentioned and Mr. Simpson does.

Mrs. GREEN. If this is worth doing and I think it is too, I am in complete agreement with the purpose of the bill and everything that you have said, but if it is worth doing, isn't it worth considering a change in the draft policy which defeats the purposes for which this legislation is designed?

Mr. HUIIT. All I can say, Madam Chairman, is that you have brought your case to the wrong court. I cannot do anything about that.

Mrs. GREEN. I want you to know I will bring it to any court that is available, even the court of appeals.

Mr. REID. Madam Chairman, on the same point.

Mrs. GREEN. Yes, Mr. Reid.

Mr. REID. I will merely add I am in 100-percent agreement with our chairman on this. I would merely ask you what is HEW prepared to do vigorously, privately or publicly, to deal with what many consider to be a catastrophic judgment with regard to our graduate students?

This is not a time, it seems to me, for silence by HEW. Presumably you do not wholly concur with the announcement this past weekend and I would be very much interested to know what you are prepared to do about it.

Mr. HUIIT. I think, Mr. Reid, we ought to wait on the departmental policy made by the people who are charged with that. I do not think I should shoot from the hip this morning.

Mr. REID. I can only add that Dr. Pusey and a number of others have called attention to it.

I would call to your attention a letter in the New York Times this morning. I do not think any serious educator feels that the present policy will not have relatively catastrophic impact not alone on graduate programs but equally on graduate students teaching in undergraduate programs.

What is your sense of concern and urgency about it, speaking personally, if not officially?

Mr. HUIIT. I have a very great sense of concern about it. After all, I have spent 20 years as a graduate professor. This problem hits me about as close to home as it does anyone.