

cilities Branch of OE to be very conducive to creative administration of the programs.

We think the individuals involved have been very strong and positive in providing leadership to us and have been sensitive to the kinds of suggestions we have had to make. So we feel that perhaps you have hit on something here that can be explored for more utilization in the future.

Madam Chairman, the final thing, I don't know whether this is appropriate for the committee, I have in the testimony, it has to do with some information on title I of the Higher Education Facilities Act, about what is happening in terms of dollars this year compared to the appropriations and the demands that are being shown vis-a-vis applications.

What it boils down to is that as of this time for fiscal 1968 all the applications that have been turned in that are eligible to the 50 States, actually I have 48 State commissions, is about \$320 million more than the allotments that have been made under this program.

This, of course, has created quite a few problems in a sense, that frankly we did not anticipate this kind of gap, at least not quite this much.

There are some cases where we are being able to take care of the problem because these buildings are planned, we need to build them or we would not have planned them because we do have to put up two-thirds.

In Missouri we are going through the agonizing process of appropriating \$4.6 million to pick up 10 projects that we thought we were going to have the one-third Federal money for from last year.

So this is creating quite a problem in the sense that not necessarily because the amount of money is too little or too much, although that is a problem, but because in the planning that we have been doing in the various States we have been anticipating—we have not gone so far as to anticipate at the authorized level, don't misunderstand me—but we have done our planning based on the ongoing trend line of appropriations that have been made by Congress.

So every one of us practically in all the States is facing a very difficult situation this year with many projects that were either appropriated by the State legislature or were planned for by the private institutions or public junior colleges, districts, are either going to have to wait, and this is not good because hopefully they are planned in phase so that they make sense when they are constructed, or we are going to have to find the money somewhere else.

In many cases, particularly in the private schools, if they do find the money somewhere else this means money that some of these hard-pressed institutions will not have for operating expenses.

You have heard plenty about the problems they are having in getting their budgets filled in, you might say.

There are several points in the written testimony, Madam Chairman, about this where I suggest in a little more organized detail what the net effect of this is going to be. There is a table in the back of the testimony State by State, I got a report from all the commissions, showing you what kind of money they asked for in terms of demand versus the allotment amount.