

Mrs. GREEN. When you recommend, Dr. Morton, a State agency with perhaps some governing authority, it raises questions that were pertinent of problems discussed in 1963.

I think in terms of the Federal legislation this committee would continue to be concerned that the private colleges be eligible for the same kinds of programs that the public tax-supported institutions are.

Mr. MORTON. I think you should. I think one of the things that does happen is that to the degree you are forcing, through the Facilities Act, the States in the Midwest to do this, as Father Collins said, I suspect we would have had a much more difficult time as a coordinating commission getting into the business of coordinating private and public if we had not had the Facilities Act to work through. Not only the planning money but also just the fact you made it clear that this was money to be provided for institutions of higher education, not public.

Mrs. GREEN. I would not want to see hostility between the private and public institutions, but I am concerned about the financial difficulties of the small private colleges.

I think their financial difficulties are very real and should not be ignored.

Mr. MORTON. Right.

Mrs. GREEN. Do any of you gentlemen have any figures on the space that is available in private colleges? Isn't this where there are places for students to be enrolled?

Mr. MORTON. I have data for one State. I don't know whether it has been collected by OE on this basis or not.

Mrs. GREEN. What does that show?

Mr. MORTON. The one State?

Mrs. GREEN. Yes.

Mr. MORTON. The number of square feet per student that is now available—you know, the number enrolled now versus the number of square feet—is roughly two and a half times as great on our private campuses as a whole as on our public campuses.

In other words, there is space that could be used, they could be better utilized right now.

Mrs. GREEN. Would any of you three gentlemen be able to help this committee in doing a study of this in terms of the cost of higher education?

I am thinking particularly of a matter which has been under discussion for several years, the tax credit proposal.

The administration has always been opposed to this because their estimates are that it cost up to a billion dollars. I do not know of any consideration which has been given to this matter in terms of the space that is available at private colleges today.

We should compare the relative costs of a tax credit which would result in full utilization of private institutions and of the additional costs to the Federal Government for construction of facilities at colleges and universities which are already overcrowded. I suspect the additional construction costs might also run up to \$1 billion. We have always viewed independently the relationships of these programs to others.