

which, in effect, is helping the private institutions. What is generally referred to as the tuition equalization program. Are you familiar with this?

Mr. QUIE. Right.

Mr. MORTON. Of course, that does, in effect, make it possible for the youngster to go to a private school with something like a more reasonable competitive cost compared to the public.

Reverend COLLINS. My basis of that, Mr. Quie, is this: I am convinced, myself, that there must be joint effort, State and private. Each has a proper function, and they must work together or the private schools will be unable to exist because of financial difficulties.

Mrs. GREEN. Congressman Esch.

Mr. ESCH. In view of the time, Madam Chairman, I have no questions except to indicate my support for the thesis that we are going to have a crisis in facilities if we follow the current recommendations in this proposal.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. GREEN. Then may we hear from the third member of the panel, Mr. Jones, who is the executive secretary of the commission of higher education in the State of West Virginia.

Mr. Jones, if you wish to summarize, your whole statement will be made a part of the record.

STATEMENT OF JERRY LEE JONES, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. JONES. Wonderful.

(The document referred to follows:)

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Madam Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I wish to inform you of the severe affect of the reduction in funds for Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1963. We received twenty-five applications under Sections 103 and 104 for Fiscal 1968, totaling \$8,895,341 in eligible federal requests for which we were allocated only \$2,795,286 for eight projects.

The reduction in funds is a very serious problem in West Virginia because the capital improvement plans for our public institutions exceed \$40 million and were based upon expectations of federal funding at fiscal 1967 levels or above. Private institutions have projects already under construction in five colleges and have applied for supplemental grants for those projects as well as assuming fiscal 1967 federal funding level for future projects.

The Chairman of the Education Committee in the House of Delegates made a statement in the Journal of the House of Delegates concerning the problem from which the following statements are taken:

"... Urging Congress to reinstate the original estimate of funds considered for the Higher Education Facility Program.

"Whereas, it has come to the attention of this body that Congress has reduced, by one-third, the funds for the fiscal year 1968 to be made available under Title I of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963; and

Whereas, this action has resulted in a reduction from \$4,232,926 to \$2,795,286 of the portion of such moneys representing West Virginia's share; and

"Whereas, the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1969 provides for a fifty percent reduction in the funds proposed for the year 1968, resulting in an even greater loss to our State; and

"Whereas, the projects financed through federal participation in this program are vitally needed, and any reduction in the amount of funds available from the figure originally proposed will result in a drastic curtailment in the much needed projects that are eligible for assistance under the act."