

Mr. REID. But the student who went in in September, or started at some other point in an academic year that the institution might have, is not permitted to complete the academic year?

General HERSHEY. If he had already been in during 1966 and 1967, and was a candidate for the master's degree, as one of the witnesses pointed out today, he is entitled to a year. If he is a candidate for the doctorate, he is entitled to 5 years minus whatever he has had.

Mr. REID. But he is not entitled to complete the year if he is in the second year of a 2-year degree?

Mr. BREWSTER. With your permission, Congressman Reid, if I understand it, if I may ask the General a question through you, it has been quite normal for Selective Service to postpone reclassification of those who have a student classification until they have completed the academic year.

Is that right?

General HERSHEY. That is right.

You have a law, 1-S.

Of course, if he had 2-S the year before now, under the new law—

Mr. BREWSTER. Now we have a situation where the rest of the population is classified 1-A. There has been no procedure whereby Selective Service can postpone or change the order of call of those who were once classified 1-A.

Is that correct?

General HERSHEY. That is right.

Mr. BREWSTER. What is involved in the present situation, in order to respond to Congressman Rivers' request, is the decision of a new willingness on the part of the Director of Selective Service to direct boards with respect to the order of call, as well as the classification.

Is that correct?

General HERSHEY. I do not understand Mr. Rivers went to the change of order. I thought he was talking about how do we save the man who is already in, has probably paid tuition, made all sorts of arrangements, and how do we save the man.

There have been two propositions from the educational world. One was to save him at the end of the quarter, or trimester, or hopefully, to the end of the year.

Mr. BREWSTER. I think that is entirely right, but the procedural difficulty is that under the new dispensation, you will have people who are enrolled students, but do not have student classification.

The only way you can affirmatively respond to Mr. Rivers' request is to use the authority of your office to request the local board to affect not the classification, but the order of call.

General HERSHEY. What we do is postponement. That affects the order of call, so far as he is concerned, but nobody else.

Mr. BREWSTER. Have you in the past directed local boards to postpone the call for induction of a person who is classified 1-A?

General HERSHEY. I have the power to postpone him, and therefore the local board does not have to act, because it takes the responsibility off their shoulders.

Mr. REID. I thank the president of Yale for his assistance and for that clarification.

Mrs. GREEN. Congressman Steiger.