

I wonder if you could comment on the proposal that the distinguished member of this subcommittee, who is unable to be with us today, Mr. Gibbons, of Florida, has suggested to the subcommittee with respect to cooperative education.

I take it you are familiar with his proposal and perhaps you could describe it for us.

Mr. CAIN. Yes. This proposal, Mr. Chairman, does essentially provide what we request. I understand that this has not been officially submitted to the House and as a consequence we had not expected to comment specifically on this particular proposal which is being considered for introduction in the House.

But it is our feeling that the legislation as proposed by Representative Gibbons, of Florida, would achieve what we feel should be achieved in distinguishing cooperative education from Federal support for part-time employment or work-study programs.

Mr. BRADEMAs. At a time when we are moving in the direction of trying to streamline and consolidate various Federal aid to education programs, would you be fearful that this particular proposal is moving in the wrong direction?

Mr. CAIN. Certainly this is a consideration, Mr. Chairman. But it is our feeling that it would still be desirable in making this distinction in terms of administration of Federal funds within institutions of higher education since generally work-study funds are administered through the student financial aid office of an institution and cooperative education programs are administered through the academic segment of the institution.

Mr. BRADEMAs. Thank you very much, indeed.

Mr. QUIE. What are the particular costs of an institution providing cooperative education that are not cost of operation of the traditional university of higher learning?

Mr. CAIN. These costs involve personnel who interview, counsel with students regarding their career interest and regarding the employment opportunities which are available in a particular program.

It involves, of course, support for general office expenses, communications, travel, and expenses of that nature which are directed only to students in cooperative education programs.

It must be understood that institutions may elect to offer cooperative education as an optional program to those students who are interested and who may qualify, or it may be offered to all students within a particular institution and may in effect be required for all students within a particular institution.

Mr. QUIE. In an institution where they move from the traditional type to cooperative education, what have been the additional costs per student or, in the case of an institution where they have both, perhaps it would be easier to make the comparison of what is the additional cost per student for cooperative education?

Mr. CAIN. I can really only speak for my institution in which we have over 600 cooperative education students and our budget for the cooperative education program is approximately \$35,000.

Mr. QUIE. Have you broken this down per student? If you don't have it here, I would be glad to have you put it in the record.