

Mr. WITHERSPOON. Our final panelist is Dr. Lamb of Oregon.

STATEMENT OF DR. LUKE F. LAMB, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MEDIA OF THE OREGON STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTERS

Mr. LAMB. Mr. Chairman, my name is Luke F. Lamb, and I am director of educational media for the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

I am also president of the Western Education Network and a member of the Board of Western Radio & Television Association. I am responsible for administering for the Oregon State Board of Higher Education the educational television and radio networks of the State and the State film library.

An additional responsibility under my jurisdiction is that of electronic communication information coordination among the institutions of the Oregon State system. I am responsible to the vice chancellor for continuing education of the Oregon State system.

The two radio and two television stations currently in our State network are members of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters. We join with the NAEB in endorsing the networks for knowledge amendment in H.R. 15067.

Oregon participated with the NAEB in 1965 and 1966 in conducting a study of the potential uses of electronic communications systems under a grant from the U.S. Office of Education. The majority of my statement will deal with some of the specifics we discovered as part of the Oregon study.

It is encouraging to note that the networks for knowledge proposal will supplement and reinforce previous legislation such as the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 and its predecessor the Educational Television Facilities Act of 1962.

It seems most important to me, as someone involved both in educational broadcasting and the broader area of electronic information exchange among institutions of higher education, that nothing in this legislation should prevent grants from including the interconnection of broadcast facilities.

Oregon has been able through some of the previous legislation to improve its broadcasting facilities, and I would hope that under the proposed networks for knowledge amendment that we would be able to broaden and encourage interinstitutional cooperation through interconnection as well as continue to upgrade our broadcasting service capabilities.

I should also point out that although we are heartened and encouraged by the networks for knowledge proposal we are concerned that this new program not detract from the adequate funding of legislation passed during the last session of the Congress.

As a specific example, we are already planning to request funds for Oregon in both the radio and television areas under the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 and it is in our earnest desire that this legislation be funded at the authorized levels.