

co-introduced. The purpose of the legislation to improve the educational qualifications of public servants is good. The method by which the legislation seeks to achieve this is good.

There are two portions of the bill to which we direct your attention because of language difficulties which might impair the fulfillment of the objectives of the bill. Neither of these two points have a direct effect upon our 370,000 members, but we are effected by the quality of public service and the image of public employment. Consequently, we pass these suggestions on to you merely to improve the bill and to meet the civic responsibility with which we are charged.

Section 1213(4)(A) requires that a graduate or professional program of an institution of higher education will recommend "only persons of superior promise" (lines 14-15, p. 113). A statement suggesting positive recruitment methods to insure equal opportunity in the selection process would be desirable in overcoming the obvious problems flowing out of the contemporary utilization of certain symbols of academic or vocational "superiority." In other words, language should be employed to offset the already inherent tendency to give less than full consideration to culturally deprived individuals.

Section 1221(b)(3) provides a definition of "institution of higher education" (lines 8-11, p. 115) which would include two-year program community colleges. This is particularly noteworthy since such institutions are playing an increasingly important role in dealing with urban problems. The qualification of credits toward a degree presents problems whereby a fully accredited institution might not fall within the definition because of the treatment accorded course credits by four-year institutions. This possibility could be avoided by substituting the word "may" for "is" on line 10.

Allow me to again commend you for your leadership in recognizing the profound implications of today's public personnel mechanisms and in developing an effective means to deal with the situation.

Respectfully,

JERRY WURF,
International President.

COLLEGE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS,
February 13, 1968.

HON. EDITH GREEN,
*Chairman, Special Committee on Education,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MRS. GREEN: I am writing to you to urge consideration of a change in the Higher Education Facilities Act under Title I. The change which is being requested is to provide for a minimum amount of \$50,000 of grant money for each of the states under each of the two categories of Junior Colleges and Four Year Colleges.

The reason for proposing this change is to provide a minimum level of support on which a building program can be based. If the amounts which present formulas provide are less than is here being proposed the result may be to hold out the promise but not the actuality of strengthening a state's higher education facilities.

We are extremely pleased in the Virgin Islands to participate in this important program and request this change so that our participation can be more meaningful.

We continue to believe that the work of the Special Education Committee is of the greatest importance to higher education and to give our fullest support to the leadership which this committee is providing.

Sincerely yours,

LAWRENCE C. WANLASS,
President.