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CAPTIONED FILM: AN AID AND BLESSING FOR THE DEAF

STATEMENT BY HONORABLE JOHN E. FOGARTY

MR. FOGARTY. Mr. Speaker, the legislation before us today proposes further assistance to deaf persons by allowing the use of all educational media in the struggle to provide adequate welfare services to the handicapped.

The legislation today constitutes a gesture of assistance.

First, this bill before us will expand the original act, Public Law 85-905, to include not only films and filmstrips but such media as programmed instruction, educational television with captions added and other media.

Second, the bill could create a National Advisory Committee on Education of the Deaf. This 12-member Committee would include educators of the deaf, persons interested in education of the deaf, educators of the hearing, and deaf individuals--all to be appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Finally, the bill increases the authorization for this program from \$1,500,000 annually to \$3 million for fiscal years 1966-1967, \$5 million for fiscal years 1968-1969 and \$7 million annually thereafter.

The needs of this legislation are obvious. In the six years of experimentation and provision of captioned films for the deaf, strong support has been evidenced by the physically handicapped themselves, by the parents and employers and by those directly involved in working with the deaf.

The method of attack here is quite direct. This legislation simply proposes the slight broadening of a program that has done much for the deaf

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While I ~~urge adoption~~ of this legislation today, I would like to express my strong support now for further use of the educational media to help our handicapped. I have introduced a bill, H.R. 10562, which would extend the same kind of captioned film and other media for the use of all handicapped persons.

My legislation is based on a bill submitted by the gentleman from New York, Mr. Carey, but it takes this gentlemen's bill merely as a foundation upon which to build a much more comprehensive program. all handicapped

My bill would ~~simply~~ ^{extend} help to ~~visually~~ children through research, production of media, or loan services. The experimentation with the legislation currently before us on the floor today has proved that the media are particularly useful in the teaching of mentally retarded and visually impaired or blind children.

(STRAIGHT-FORWARD)

The method of attack proposed is ~~direct~~ and, in the future, I hope that Congress will broaden our loan services to help other handicapped persons.