

STATEMENT OF HONORABLE JOHN E. FOGARTY, 2nd DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND, BEFORE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN SUPPORT
OF HR 10227, A BILL TO AMEND AND EXTEND PUBLIC LAWS 815 AND 874. 5/8/56.

Since 1950 when Public Laws 815 and 874 were passed to meet the costs for providing education for federally connected children in Federally Impacted School Districts, I have been interested in how well these laws did what they were designed to do.

When the two programs are considered together, P.L. 815 - school construction, and P.L. 874 - maintenance and operation, a total of \$962,500,000 has been appropriated by the Congress. Every State in the Union has participated.

From time to time the laws have been amended as experience indicated need. However, one such amendment incorporated in P.L. 248 was repudiated by Congress last year and I believe should be removed permanently from the law. I refer to the "3% absorption" feature that has been dealt with in the testimony of a number of School Superintendents who have appeared before this Committee including Leonard Maine of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. I have been informed that the Superintendents of Schools of the Federally Impacted School Districts of the nation have made a careful study of needed corrections in these laws and that HR 10227 includes many of these.

It is my belief that Public Laws 815 and 874 should do exactly as they were designed to do - meet Federal responsibility with regard to providing education for children of the Federally Impacted School Districts of the United States. I assure this Committee of my interest in and support for any legislation which will help to meet this objective and hope that HR 10227 is favorably reported out for floor action in the immediate future.

I submit herewith a study that indicates approximate losses that will occur to the School Districts of Rhode Island unless the "absorption" feature is removed from P.L. 874:

RHODE ISLAND STUDY OF EFFECTS OF 3% ABSORPTION - P.L. 874

Data from P.L. 874-Application Forms for 1956-1957 (Section 3 Children)
(District expected to absorb a number of pupils equal to 3% of non-Federal)

<u>Name of District and Figures are Entitlement for 1956-1957</u>	<u>Res. A.D.A.</u>	<u>A.D.A. Claimed</u>	<u>% Fed. Connected</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No. 3% (Pupils)</u>	<u>Loss</u>
Charlestown \$ 3,579.63	320.91	35.53	11%	\$ 204.55	8.56	\$ 1,750.95
Coventry \$ 13,781.46	1,574.00	133.00	8.4%	207.24	43.23	8,958.99
East Greenwich \$ 13,818.75	781.8	133.92	17.13%	206.25	19.44	4,009.50
Hopkinton \$ 3,410.63	732.33	37.74	6.7%	180.77	20.84	3,767.25
Jamestown \$ 12,234.87	432.28	134.02	31%	182.61	8.95	1,634.36
Middletown \$ 131,502.93	1,511.9	846.4	44%	218.37	19.97	4,360.85
Narragansett \$ 5,360.54(Est.)	451.	52.	11.53%	215.79	11.77	2,539.85
Newport \$ 239,847.34	4,389.6	1,937.7	44%	244.68	73.56	18,004.66
No. Kingstown \$ 155,961.29	1,773.3	973.5	54.9%	218.37	24.	8,734.80
Portsmouth \$ 40,334.26	911.82	330.78	34%	212.09	17.43	3,696.43
Richmond \$ 3,178.95	314.18	29.83	9.5%	211.93	8.53	1,807.76
Tiverton \$ 8,045.10	1,341.85	97.8	7.29%	191.55	37.32	7,202.28
Warwick \$ 59,717.67	9,404.61	623.		191.71	263.45	24,167.00
Westerly \$ 17,749.68	1,986.56	156.48	7.88%	227.56	54.9	12,493.04
West Greenwich \$ 1,495.71	176.67	18.05	7.52%	166.19	4.75	789.40
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