

STATEMENT OF SENATOR WINSTON L. PROUTY ON THE HIGHER
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A new program to strengthen our colleges and universities to expand individual opportunities for higher education should be given high priority on the list of necessary legislation. The primary center of American life, no longer either agrarian or industrial, is shifting to learning. New requirements demand fuller development of human potential than when masses labored on the farms or in the factories and the college educated were a privileged elite. Today, higher education is becoming essential in helping individuals and societies realize even their most fundamental aspirations.

The unalterable significance of higher education challenges our colleges and universities with rising demands and higher expectations.

Obviously, all the challenges to higher education involve enormous tasks. Facilities, faculties, library resources and every other component of higher education will be pressed.

There is no question that every source of support and encouragement for higher education must be utilized if we are to meet these challenges of such magnitude.