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Kleindienst Backs Nixon School Bills

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Acting Attorney General Richard Kleindienst testified today that education must be desegregated "and yet avoid the disruptive and harmful effects of excessive school busing."

But a key Republican told Kleindienst the anti-busing measure he was supporting would "prostitute the courts."

Kleindienst appeared before a House Judiciary Subcommittee to support legislation proposed by President Nixon that would place a moratorium until July 1, 1973, on all new court ordered busing.

"It is our view," Kleindienst said, "that Congress has an important role to play in meeting the challenge of providing a better

education for the school children of America.

"This education must be provided in a desegregated school system setting and yet avoid the disruptive and harmful effects of excessive school busing," Kleindienst said.

Rep. William McCulloch (R-Ohio), the ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee who introduced Nixon's bill to order a moratorium, bitterly attacked it.

"It is with the deepest regret that I sit here today," McCulloch said. "to listen to a spokesman for a Republican administration asking the Congress to prostitute the courts by obligating them to suspend the merit of further slowing down and perhaps rolling back desegregation in public schools."