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**Hearings Scheduled On
Judicial Review Bill**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Hearings are scheduled for early next year on a bill to provide first amendment constitutional tests for grants or loans under certain education acts, according to announcement from the Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights.

The "judicial review" bill was introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) during the first session of the 89th Congress. Among its cosponsors is Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D., N. C.), chairman of the constitutional rights subcommittee. Morse is chairman of the Senate education subcommittee.

During the debate on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 unsuccessful attempts were made to include constitutional judicial review as a part of the bill. Morse opposed such amendments but promised that he would introduce a separate judicial review bill affecting all education acts.

Hearings on the bill are set for Feb. 1-3 and 8-10, 1966.

Testimony is expected to be presented by representatives from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Department of Justice. Others to be invited are "constitutional authorities from universities, practicing attorneys, members of numerous religious organizations, as well as various bar groups and other organizations and individuals," according to the report of the subcommittee.

The proposal would provide for constitutional judicial review of seven major acts of Congress plus "any other act which is administered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and was enacted after January 1, 1965."

Civil action could be brought by an institution or agency, or by an individual taxpayer in the district court of the United States in the District of Columbia.

Filing of such suits would stop payment on a grant or loan until final determination is made by the court. If the grant or loan were declared invalid the institution or agency would have to refund the grant, or the loan with accrued interest.

The bill would provide also that any provision of any act found to be unconstitutional would not affect the remainder of the act.

The bill includes: Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963; Title VII of the Public Health Service Act; National Defense Education Act of 1958; Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Mental Health Centers Construction Act of 1963; Title II of Public Law 874, Impacted Area Aid; Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; Cooperative Research Act; and others enacted after January 1, 1965.

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**Korean Missionary Kids
Give \$95 to Missions**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The children of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to Korea have given \$95 to support Baptist foreign missions around the world through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Ted H. Dowell, Baptist missionary to Korea, sent the check to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here.

SBC Executive Committee Executive Secretary Porter Routh asked Dowell to convey to the youngsters "heartfelt appreciation for this contribution which will play a part in sharing the message of Christmas even unto the ends of the earth."

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Gifts in 15 Baptist
Churches Top \$500,000

By the Baptist Press

Fifteen churches in the Southern Baptist Convention received more than half-a-million dollars each in total contributions from their members last year.

Nine of those churches also reported church property valued at more than \$3 million.

A list of churches in the denomination which reported more than \$500,000 in total receipts, and a similar list of churches with property value over \$3 million were compiled by the research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board in Nashville.

First Baptist Church of Dallas, the largest church in the convention with 13,291 members, topped both lists.

Total contributions to the Dallas church last year were reported at \$1,588,099, and the church's property including three city blocks in downtown Dallas was valued at \$7 million.

First Baptist in Dallas also gave more to missions last year than any other church in the convention, with \$470,569 reported.

Of the 15 churches giving more than \$500,000 during the year, seven were in Texas, two in Georgia and Louisiana, and one each in Florida, Alabama, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

Seven churches in Texas reported property value over \$3 million; two in Louisiana, and one each in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

In total gifts, four churches in Texas--two in Dallas, one in Houston and in Amarillo--headed the list.

Listed in order by total receipts were the following churches:

RANK	CHURCH	TOTAL GIFTS	MISSIONS (rank)*	PROPERTY VALUE (rank)
(1)	First Baptist, Dallas	\$1,588,099	\$470,569 (1st)	7,000,000 (1st)
(2)	First, Amarillo	862,508	344,722 (4th)	2,639,543 --
(3)	Park Cities, Dallas	812,565	430,834 (2nd)	4,173,439 (5th)
(4)	South Main, Houston	761,221	246,146 (7th)	3,245,477 (9th)
(5)	Second Ponce De Leon, Atlanta	715,514	355,641 (3rd)	2,700,000 --
(6)	Mid City, New Orleans	696,524	249,074 (6th)	4,500,000 (2nd)
(7)	First, Shreveport	628,411	104,017 (13th)	4,412,847 (3rd)
(8)	First, Tampa	610,714	49,570 (15th)	2,080,000 --
(9)	First, Lubbock (Tex)	586,213	175,887 (9th)	3,554,962 (6th)
(10)	First, Atlanta	572,802	117,954 (12th)	4,200,000 (4th)
(11)	Southside, Birmingham	568,389	299,571 (5th)	1,759,371 --
(12)	First, Tulsa	567,495	180,305 (8th)	2,855,207 --
(13)	First, San Antonio	553,305	96,442 (14th)	2,556,000 --
(14)	Bellevue, Memphis	525,953	118,209 (11th)	3,344,000 (8th)
(15)	Broadway, Fort Worth	523,209	154,395 (10th)	3,066,902 (12th)

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On the list of churches with property value over \$3 million, the First Baptist Churches of New Orleans and Shreveport, La., ranked second and third behind the Dallas church.

Other top ranking churches with property value of more than \$3 million were Park Cities in Dallas, fifth; First Baptist in Lubbock, sixth, Travis Avenue of Fort Worth, seventh; Bellevue in Memphis, eighth; South Main in Houston, ninth; First Baptist of Midland, Texas, tenth; Myers Park in Charlotte, N. C., eleventh, Broadway in Fort Worth, twelfth; and First Baptist in Columbia, S. C., thirteenth.

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*NOTE: The "rank" listed under the missions is based only on the churches listed as giving more than \$500,000 in TOTAL contributions. There is a possibility that some churches which did not give more than \$500,000 in total contributions might have given more to missions than churches on the list.

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EDITORS: For your information, here is the data on property value not listed in the above chart. Only four churches with property value over \$3 million were NOT listed among the churches with total gifts exceeding \$500,000. Here is the information on these four churches:

CHURCH	PROPERTY VALUE	TOTAL GIFTS	MISSIONS
Travis Avenue, Fort Worth	\$3,500,000	\$415,330	\$68,676
First Baptist, Midland, Tex.	3,108,369	499,355	150,305
Myers Park, Charlotte, N. C.	3,078,507	453,038	47,504
First Baptist, Columbia, S. C.	3,060,000	445,321	115,655

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