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SENATOR YARBOROUGH BRINGS BILINGUAL EDUCATION HEARINGS TO TEXAS

Senator Ralph W. Yarborough, D-Tex., today announced that the Senate Subcommittee on Bilingual Education will hold public hearings in Corpus Christi, Edinburg, and San Antonio, Texas, the last week of this month.

Yarborough, who is chairman of the subcommittee, is the sponsor of the Bilingual American Education Act, a bill to provide financial assistance for educational programs to meet the special educational needs of students from Spanish-speaking backgrounds.

Washington hearings by the subcommittee open tomorrow (May 18) and continue through Friday.

Yarborough said the subcommittee will move to Corpus Cultural Christi Friday, May 26, for a day of hearings at Memorial Coliseum. On May 29 it will meet at the Edinburg High School in Edinburg, and on May 31 it holds its final Texas hearing in San Antonio, at the probate court room of the Bexar County Courthouse.

"Our subcommittee is going to Texas to study the special educational problems of children from Spanish-speaking backgrounds," the Senator said. "This is the first time, to my knowledge, that any congressional committee has undertaken such a study."

He said that students from Spanish-speaking backgrounds, "have been neglected far too long in our schools. They have been treated as second-class citizens. Their hopes and aspirations have been thwarted."

"Our subcommittee will study the efforts now being made to provide better educations for these children. We will also look into new educational techniques which are possible for the future," Senator Yarborough said.

The subcommittee will receive testimony on Senator Yarborough's bill, S. 428, the Bilingual American Education Act.