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CHARLESTON, IL--John Flynn, Eastern Illinois University director of Financial Aids, testified Tuesday in Washington, D.C. before a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on Education and Labor on the negative effects the Gramm-Rudman Bill would have on higher education financial aids programs.

Flynn said he was asked by U.S. Representative Terry Bruce of Olney to discuss "the effects of President Reagan's budget recommendations, based on Gramm-Rudman, for financial aids packages as they would apply to a University such as Eastern."

"If Gramm-Rudman stays in effect, it would reduce the aid available by 4.3% nationally according to a report by the Office of Education.

"In practice, though, the institutional allocation of campus-based funds may also vary somewhat from the 4.3% national reduction because of the way the state allocation formula works for each program," Flynn told the subcommittee.

He estimated that if current budget recommendations are implemented by the federal government Eastern's total reduction for 1986-87 would be approximately 30% less than the current academic term.

He also reported that in FY85, which ended last summer, 7,000 EIU students (67.2%) received some type of financial assistance from either Federal, State, institutional or private sources totaling \$16,640,528.

During his testimony Tuesday two of Flynn's recommendations were for the committee to consider establishing a "uniform formula measuring a family's ability to contribute toward educational expenses and not eliminate the institutional administrative allowances."

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The EIU financial aid director said that establishing a uniform formula would eliminate the confusion surrounding separate family contribution schedules for various programs.

"By retaining the institutional administrative allowances, colleges would be able to keep the financial aid machinery going in order to meet Federal regulatory requirements. To suddenly stop this subsidy would cause chaos at many institutions and disrupt the financial aid delivery system," Flynn explained.