

Secretary DILLON. No; I do not think so. As I said, I do not think we will reach the full-employment and full-capacity level which we all want unless further action is taken.

Senator JAVITS. Now, Mr. Secretary, in view of the problems the administration has run into with its tax bill, which is nothing near like what it thought it ought to be or wanted, as it now looks, what would you think about the proposition of giving to the Congress, before we go home, your next year's tax package, so that we can study it and, in a sense, submit it to a plebiscite of the people in this fall's congressional elections, and therefore come back fortified with a mandate—or the lack of it—to put through your tax package in some certain way, instead of again taking it apart, as happened in this particular situation?

Secretary DILLON. Well, I have two comments on that.

First, as regards the present tax bill: the withholding item, which was a very important item, has been removed from the bill in the report of the Senate Finance Committee. Aside from that I think the bill is pretty much the bill which we requested, and certainly there have been no further changes, with that exception, in the Senate that are of a drastic or a serious nature. I think that the tax bill as finally enacted, after conference with the House, will be a good bill.

As I understand it, the Senate committee report was to be filed late last night and ought to be available today or over the weekend, and, in studying it, I think you will agree that most of the objectives are still maintained.

As to a new bill, it was our original concept and hope that we could have at least the broad outlines of a program ready to send to the Congress before the close of this session. However, the fact of the matter is that at that time we expected the tax bill to be enacted sometime in the summer, in June or July, and the extra time it has taken has kept our people working on that.

Depreciation reform took longer than we expected, and far more work than we realized. And the fact of the matter is that we have just not had any opportunity to concentrate on any of the details of the new program, and it is in no form to be submitted to the Congress.

And we have not got a program, except that we do know that there should be net tax reduction, and we do feel that there should be cuts across the board, and we do feel that there are areas where we should recoup some income.

So we are not ready and have no program that is in form to be submitted, and I do not expect there will be one until Congress comes back next January.

Senator JAVITS. So that notwithstanding the fact that you put down in your statement four distinct problems of urgently called for reform, nonetheless, the administration does not yet have its tax program?

Secretary DILLON. Not in detail.

Senator JAVITS. And so it will not be submitted to the Congress before we go home?

Secretary DILLON. No.