

This white sheet is the one that has been handed to me as being the one you used to use, and this yellow card is the one now.

When was that change made?

Miss BANCROFT. The change was made in October.

Representative CURTIS. Of 1961?

Miss BANCROFT. Of 1961, yes.

Representative CURTIS. But it is the same material, is it not?

Miss BANCROFT. It is exactly the same.

Representative CURTIS. I can see that this would be much more efficient.

Miss BANCROFT. I think the change is the other way, sir. The yellow card is the old one; the white sheet is the new one.

Representative CURTIS. This looks more efficient than this.

Miss BANCROFT. I know, but the other one is more efficient, presumably.

On the white sheet you can get three members of a family, and on the yellow card you have just one person.

The white sheet is the form which goes directly onto computer tape without any punching, and was adopted in October of 1961.

The yellow card goes through a machine that makes punchcards which then go to computer tape.

Representative CURTIS. But you are satisfied this change in form would not have any effect?

Miss BANCROFT. I cannot see that it would have had any effect.

Representative CURTIS. I am just looking for possibilities, because any time there seems to be a real breakthrough, I think it does deserve going over. It was in that sense, Senator Proxmire, that I was raising the question on this, because I thought it was that serious and that important.

Usually a trend does not come in abruptly. That was the reason.

Let me ask one other general line of questioning.

Does the U.S. Employment Service compile vacancies, jobs that are not filled, the other side of the coin, the affirmative side?

Mr. CLAGUE. The Employment Service has, of course, in each local office, a record of job orders that come to them, which you might call vacancies. But, in addition, there has been some pressure on us in the Bureau of Labor Statistics to set up an actual statistical system of measuring vacancies.

Representative CURTIS. Yes, sir, because I am one trying to put the pressure on.

Mr. CLAGUE. Oh, are you?

Representative CURTIS. I do not know whether it is possible, but I am very, very interested in this.

Mr. CLAGUE. Let me explain to you, Mr. Congressman, first, there is no question about the fact that there are literally hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions, of vacant jobs in the country, theoretical, potential jobs.

Representative CURTIS. Yes.

Mr. CLAGUE. Maybe a lot of these workers are not taking them because the wages are too low or they are not going to work those long hours, or the job is one they cannot possibly fill.

There are not only job vacancies, but job potentials, that we do not hear about, but which could be developing.