

that amount of money more effectively some other way. I am not suggesting it would not be worth a try. In fact, we have residential schools under the vocational education program, as I assume you know, but we are not yet ready to give those a trial to see whether they work before we launch into this program. I am curious about how you would choose them? How would you keep them from dropping out of the Job Corps if they did not like it?

MAYOR TUCKER. Of course, I would say this, Mr. Congressman, that the area of choice should be left in the hands of those who are trained to make those choices.

MR. FRELINGHUYSEN. You are not suggesting they should decide whether a young man should go in or whether he should not? Is it not the free choice of the young man?

MAYOR TUCKER. It is, but they could make the recommendations to him.

MR. FRELINGHUYSEN. Supposing he does not want to go? Or suppose he goes in for 1 week and decides to move out? I would assume we would want to avoid excessive turnover?

MAYOR TUCKER. We would assume that. I think too, anyone that drops out, the reasons why they drop out should be ascertained. There should be a followup on all these cases.

MR. FRELINGHUYSEN. Thank you, Mayor.

MR. LANDRUM. I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for completing his time before the gavel.

The gentleman from California.

MR. ROOSEVELT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MAYOR TUCKER. I want to tell you how delighted I am that you finally made it this evening because I think you have made a fine contribution to the committee hearings. I think the record should show that the mayor's community of St. Louis has reelected him enough times to make him an expert on the subject about which he has so eloquently spoken today.

MR. MAYOR. I want to emphasize, and I am sorry my Republican colleagues have not been able to remain but I want to emphasize, if I may, that any constructive suggestion such as the improvement of the bill is something which I think they will find great assistance on this side of the aisle to obtain. Any obstruction or any attempt to sidetrack it or to weaken it naturally is going to get our resistance. So I would like to ask you in that spirit whether you feel we would be strengthening the bill if in section 2 we were able to find the right words—I mean title 2—the right words to direct the Director that where there existed such an instrument as the St. Louis Human Development Corp., and incidentally we have a very similar agency in Los Angeles, whether we would direct the Director to be responsible for coordinating all of the nongovernmental requests—private, nonprofit are the words that agent uses—to channel it through such an agency rather than having the danger that the Director, not knowing the local situation as well as the people there, might approve a project which, without his knowing it, might impinge on some of the work being done or having been approved by the corporation to which you have referred in St. Louis.

MAYOR TUCKER. I think it would strengthen the bill and it is the concept that we have for this Human Development Corp. that all of these