

tional situation and not necessarily generated locally. I agree with the theory of matching funds. The amount I could not intelligently discuss because I don't know what it should be.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I do not know what local problems you feel have been inherited from the national situation, Mr. Martin.

Mr. V. MARTIN. I think the tremendous mobility of population that we are talking about, the tremendous mobility of population in the northern cities.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. But the Federal Government is not responsible for the mobility of the population.

Mr. V. MARTIN. I did not say this. I said it is a national problem and not a local problem. I did not say the Federal Government was the cause of national problems. I said that there is a national problem. This is different than Federal.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. You may have already answer this already, gentlemen, but do you feel that a State should not participate in the determination of the greatest areas of need within that State? Did I understand you to say you think the State should be bypassed? Do you feel this should be a local determination? Because you are being shortchanged by State legislatures you are seeking Federal assistance? Is that your position?

Mr. BESSE. Yes; that is my position. I think we know a great deal more about the poverty problem in Cleveland, and have a much better organization to work on it, than anything I know about at the State level.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. You feel that if the State has some role in the determination as to where the money should go, you would be shortchanged? You lack faith in the participation of the State government in this process of determining where funds should go?

Mr. BESSE. I don't lack faith in them. I just have more faith in Cleveland to handle it.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. You are saying that you do not think that the State should play any role; is that right?

Mr. BESSE. Yes, on the item I testified to, which was title II, and the participation of the schools, where I believe the core of the solution lies.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Just to finish up with that point, you feel that the Federal Government should provide aid to education without any participation or approval by the State, through the community action program?

Mr. BESSE. Yes, I advocate that.

Mr. NICHOLS. Before you arrived, sir, I made an observation and conclusion when we were talking about Federal Government becoming involved in the State government, et cetera. I could not help but recall the formation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which had to come to the rescue of the local communities in no uncertain terms. Now to get on to this point: If you read section 208 that covers your point, "Participation of the States agencies. The Director shall establish procedures which will facilitate effective participation of the States in community action programs. Such procedures shall include provision for the referral of applications for assistance under this title to the Governor of each State affected, or his designee, for such comments as he may deem appropriate." To me, that is a commonsense approach.