

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I do not imagine that a comment of a Governor will affect a decision by the Federal Government as to whether a local program is advisable or not.

Mr. NICHOLS. I think by analysis, the comment I would hope would have as much to do with it as a comment by you.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I would think we might well look closely at the language, with a view to tightening it, if you feel the States have a role to play.

Mr. NICHOLS. I have listened to this, sir. If you have a better proposition, I will be delighted to come down one day and talk with you about it.

Mr. LANDRUM (presiding). The time of the gentleman has expired. The gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Chairman, I am grateful that these three gentlemen are here this morning. I think their testimony is among the most important we have had today on this bill. I am sure Mr. Nichols and Mr. Besse will understand when I say I am certainly proud that Mr. Martin is from Chicago.

Mr. Martin, you touched on one subject here. You said that you had 160 jobs that you could not fill in your store because these people required some basic skills that they did not have.

Would it be proper to assume that, if an adequate training program were established, we could look forward to creating jobs for 160 people instead of, I presume, leaving them on the relief rolls they are now on in many instances?

Mr. V. MARTIN. Yes, sir, these are actual openings that exist day in and day out. They will fluctuate by nature but, essentially, this is what we need. It is in our budget.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Martin, and gentlemen, my own observation is that our well-meaning colleagues on the other side are just completely out of touch with reality on this bill.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Thank you for the compliment.

Mr. PUCINSKI. As a matter of fact, in some instances they are almost downright discourteous in saying you cannot discuss among yourselves an answer. They cannot, apparently, understand the fact that unemployment because of people being functionally unemployable, as is the case in so many of these instances in poverty, is causing local, State, and Federal Governments literally billions of dollars a year and this is nonproductive money. This is money which has to be invested every 12 month and has to be expanded. No man is better qualified to discuss this point than Mr. Martin, himself, who served as chairman of the Illinois Public Aid Commission and had a magnificent record there, a most distinguished record.

Last year we, in Illinois, appropriated \$690 million for the present biennium for general assistance in the State of Illinois.

Mr. V. MARTIN. Of which 80 percent is for Cook County, in Chicago.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Would you concede, Mr. Martin, that many of the recipients of these funds, and these are humane funds, many of these recipients are people who have for various reasons exercised their right under the American Constitution and migrated into Illinois from other areas seeking economic opportunities but because they were not prepared technically, not trained to accept jobs that