

The question was asked of you if you think that Illinois has any interest in what happens in these 18 States who, for various reasons, have not been able to take care of their citizens.

As a member of a fine Republic of 50 States, would you not say that you have a very intense interest as a resident of Illinois in what happens in any other State of the country?

Mr. V. MARTIN. I quite agree with this. But I didn't know this was the area we were discussing. I thought we were talking about a problem that was created in part by this.

Mr. PUCINSKI. The line of questioning that we have had here has tried to create the impression that we in Illinois and in New York and in Ohio, the wealthier States, are paying more into the Federal Government and then somehow or other you gentlemen are being criticized for appearing here in support of this bill from these wealthier States. The fact of the matter is that if you, in Illinois, Ohio, and the other States do not help resolve the problems of the poorer States, sooner or later those problems are going to be on your own back door, are they not?

Mr. V. MARTIN. That is right. This is a national problem.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Therefore, when Mr. Nichols and Mr. Besse—Mr. Besse I thought made an extremely interesting statement when he said "the elimination of urban poverty involves an unbelievably complex cluster of factors."

What I submit is that our colleagues on the other side just cannot see it. They want to bury themselves in a narrow little community. Certainly the gentleman from Michigan does not understand, because he comes from a rural part of Michigan. He does not understand the degree of the problems in Chicago—

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I make a point of order. The gentleman from Michigan is not here.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Well, let me say the gentleman from New Jersey does not understand.

Mr. LANDRUM. The time of the gentleman has expired. Mr. Martin?

Mr. MARTIN. I yield my time to the gentleman from Michigan, who is now coming in.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Would the gentleman from Nebraska yield?

Mr. GRIFFIN. Would the gentleman from Illinois repeat what he said?

Mr. LANDRUM. The gentleman from Nebraska has yielded to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. GRIFFIN. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. PUCINSKI. The gentleman from Michigan, coming from a basically rural area with some cities, smaller cities than Chicago, of course, just does not understand the intensity and the vastness of the problem in cities like St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Boston, and various others, the large urban areas that today constitute 78 percent of this Nation's population, and the complex nature of the poverty problem.

Mr. GRIFFIN. I get the gentleman's point—his evaluation of the gentleman from Michigan. I would like to say—never mind, I am not going to defend myself except just to let you know that my father worked most of his life in a plant; and I worked my way through