

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Yesterday the mayor of Syracuse gave us a program of a local area in title I instead of having a national CCC camp or arrangement. Would you feel that this would be feasible in your community in Cleveland, and possibly in Chicago?

Mr. BESSE. I really haven't studied the Youth Corps phases of this bill, Mr. Congressman. It would take a great deal of study locally, as it does here nationally, to analyze these things. There has been no such proposal. We have no structure to do it locally. Whether it could be done would depend on soundings in the community, the proposal for the source of finances which would be exceedingly difficult.

I wouldn't say it could not be done. Many wonderful things have been done by local leadership, as the Congressman over here said a moment ago, but I haven't studied the problem.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Thank you very much.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Would you yield to me?

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

Mr. Taft?

Mr. TAFT. Gentlemen, at the risk of being considered a dangerous liberal, let me welcome you to the committee and say that I have enjoyed some past associations, indirectly or directly, with each of you. I certainly respect you as gentlemen who have contributed greatly to their own communities and who have had some familiarity with the problems in individual areas.

I guess that you realize by now that you are in the middle of what is a political hassle. I think you should recognize it is a political hassle in an election year. The hassle arises, and certainly I share in some feeling of frustration in this bill, because the bill generally represents a new package, a new ribbon, and a new tag put around specific proposals that have been presented to the Congress previously and have failed to pass on their own merits.

Now, that does not mean necessarily that this is not the time they should be passed or considered. However, the fact of the matter is that, for instance, the Youth Employment bill and the National Service Corps bill were considered in detail by this committee. We had bills drafted and amended, ready to be drafted, ready to be proposed, going into much greater detail than the provisions of this bill and they have now been put on the shelf.

We are being asked here to accept and to take specific programs without any designation of what is really meant.

Getting back to title II, I would like to ask any of you to specify the type of program that you think is involved here other than some form of assistance to education which Mr. Besse has indicated.

I have a hard time understanding what the limits are, and what the objective is, within title II. I would be interested to hear your observations on what you think the objective should be. I would like to put this in the record to clarify the direction in which we are going.

As to Ohio, in 1963, we received from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in various grants a total of \$138 million in these three categories: Office of Education, Public Health Service, and, finally, in Welfare Administration. As I figure out the percentages, Ohio might be lucky, sometimes it gets 5 percent, sometimes it gets less.