

do is coordinate programs with other areas. This is only a coordination operation. I get some conflict from your testimony.

Mr. BESSE. I have never seen Mr. Shriver, let alone understand what he has said, but my concept of the thing is that the school board is the central core but they can't do this alone. They need to bring in some other agencies to help them.

In our case, you ask for things other than the school board. One is the research council we have. Another is the health agencies. Unfortunately, these are not all concentrated in the same place. For example, one of the common causes of absenteeism and dropouts in the poverty areas of Cleveland is lack of dental care, an important one. There are other health causes that the dentists have nothing to do with.

I don't believe that you can put this in a whole lot of different pockets and have——

Mr. TAFT. I don't think Mr. Shriver is going to take care of the dental care.

Mr. BESSE. I want the school board to have the authority locally to bring in all these things that are supplemental and additional to an effective school system, so that it is the School Board of Cleveland that runs it in the poverty area. To the extent they need dental care, they bring in dental care. To the extent they need the direction of skills of the YMCA and——

Mr. TAFT. He is not going to put all programs I mentioned, \$138 million, under one centralized direction under this bill. We are only talking about a small supplement at the very most.

Mr. BESSE. You still will have the tremendous interrelationship and many complex factors in the type of community problem we are dealing with. We have made the same type of an attempt in my own community to aim at the overall problem. It is hard enough to do it on a local level. How you are going to do it on a Federal level I think defies the imagination.

Mr. TAFT. I do not think the Federal people will develop the program. I thought that was the idea in title II, it would be put into the community-action hands. That is how I read the bill.

Mr. V. MARTIN. It is a correlated attack, really, on the local level.

Mr. TAFT. I think the way to do is take a correlated attack but I think you have to do it on a local level. I have a hard time to see how this bill can do that.

Mr. BESSE. I thought that title II did exactly that. It called for the development of a local program to coordinate these things.

Several of the questions here have indicated the problem is money. How does the local coordination that develops the plan and gets this rolling get the money to do the job, because it is extensive?

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

In behalf of the committee, Mr. Martin, Mr. Besse, and Mr. Nichols, we thank you very much for giving us this time and giving us the benefit of your valuable thoughts.

Mr. V. MARTIN. Thank you, sir.

Mr. LANDRUM. Governor Welsh of Indiana is our next witness.

The Chair recognizes the distinguished member of the committee from Indiana, Congressman Brademas.