

Mr. BELL. The fact that it does not, it completely leaves it out, is a problem, too.

Mr. LANDRUM. That is the most fantastic inference it has been my privilege to hear any intelligent gentleman like you or anyone else make.

Monsignor HIGGINS. I must say I do not see that in the bill.

Mr. CHAIRMAN. I wonder if I could add one word on another matter in the bill.

I presume that others may have mentioned this before but it naturally would be our hope, representing religious groups, that due consideration will be given, if not in the language of the bill certainly by the Director, to the provision of proper spiritual care for the lads who are going to volunteer to go to camps.

Mr. LANDRUM. I have seen some vivid imagination since I have been in this business but not quite so vivid as that.

Mr. BELL. I am just saying it is a possibility of interpretation: "Such component programs shall be focused upon the needs of low-income individuals and families and shall provide, in particular areas or to particular groups in a community, expanded and improved services, assistance, and other activities, and facilities necessary in connection therewith, in the fields of education, employment, job training and counseling, health, vocational rehabilitation, housing, home management, welfare, and other fields which fall within the purposes of this title."

What would prohibit that?

Mr. LANDRUM. I cannot even imagine an inference there to an invitation into the family desires.

Mr. GOODELL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BELL. Yes.

Mr. GOODELL. I think the question is, If a community action program determines that the needs of low-income individuals in a given community involve making birth control information available to them, is it prohibited under this provision here? Is the gentleman saying that it is, that he would want to make very clear at this point that no such services could be offered?

Mr. LANDRUM. I am saying only that the two gentlemen now addressing themselves to this point are exercising a most fantastic, improper imagination I have ever seen.

Mr. GOODELL. Where do we get into this language this is fantastic? This is in many areas of the country. It is going on in North Carolina this afternoon.

Mr. LANDRUM. It might rain today but right now it does not look like it.

Mr. GOODELL. As one approach to the problems of poverty I asked a simple question. The gentleman is avoiding the question.

Are you saying that such a program, if it were part of a community action program, would be barred under the language of this bill?

Mr. LANDRUM. I think there is no possibility of such a program ever being undertaken by the community action provisions of this bill.

Mr. GOODELL. Are you saying that the provisions of this bill would not accept such a program; it would bar such a program?