

this happens in the heart of a wealthy city or in highly developed areas. In the eastern Kentucky coalfields we are faced with poverty associated with an undeveloped region.

Primarily, we are striking at the poverty cycle and trying to break it up so that at least the youngsters may have opportunities which their forebears did not have.

We appreciate your appearance here and the many things that you have inaugurated in Kentucky, such as the jobless parent program on a work relief basis down there. The million dollar grant leading up to your permanent program has been cited already before this committee by different people. We are all interested in getting as many people off relief, and into constructive pursuits. The work relief program that you have set up in Kentucky is a beginning for many folks. I especially wish to compliment you as during the Easter holidays, I saw some of the good works of that program in several eastern Kentucky counties. The people are proud of it.

You have followed in the footsteps of a very progressive and aggressive Governor and you are one of the youngest Governors of the Nation. We are proud of you. You are making a good record, and I know that, as a representative of the people in the district, I want to do everything possible to work with you to see if we cannot do something to eliminate the poverty and its causes in eastern Kentucky. I am very hopeful that we will make great strides putting eastern Kentucky into the mainstream of the national economy.

It would be difficult to single out any one particular activity as demanding the highest priority for financial assistance in helping to rebuild the economy of the eastern Kentucky Appalachian area.

The redevelopment of the Appalachian area requires energetic and concentrated effort in a number of different types of activity. Of urgent importance are:

1. Public works of all types. This includes roads—roads to make the area more accessible to our national economic mainstream, community facilities including water systems, sewage, facilities, and other public works.

2. Elimination of threat of seasonal and periodic flooding by the construction of flood control reservoirs, local flood control projects, and the cleaning and dredging of streams and tributaries.

3. The initiation of conservation practices in mined-out areas, reforestation, and the development of the recreational resources of the region.

4. Education—extensive financial assistance should be given to public educational systems, particularly on the elementary and secondary level so that adequate numbers of highly qualified teachers would be available to instruct in modern facilities with modern teaching aids to students who are provided convenient access to schools. Education to expand job training and higher educational opportunities including extensive student loan scholarship and fellowship assistance.

I am delighted to welcome you here. I notice you have a prepared statement. You may proceed.