

Mr. PERKINS. Thank you very much, Governor.

Miss Peden, before Mr. Landrum commences his questioning, do you care to make some comments? We are certainly delighted to have you here. We are glad that the Governor of Kentucky has recognized women to the extent that he has in placing you at the head of the department.

I regret Mrs. Green is not here because she certainly would have interrogated the Governor on the statistics he cited. She has been a real champion of equal opportunities and treatment of women upon all occasions. She has recommended that they make them equal partners in the Job Corps.

Proceed.

Miss PEDEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I regret, also, my close friend, Edith Green, is not here. I have appeared on other occasions before the committee and she is certainly a fine member of the committee, as you well know.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mrs. Green is in Cleveland conducting a hearing there today. She is working, I can assure you of that. In fact, she will work you to death if you stick with her long enough.

Miss PEDEN. The Department of Commerce of Kentucky, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, is certainly very much interested in this war on poverty. The Governor has given us quite an assignment, 70,000 new industrial jobs during his administration. One of the writers for our local Courier Journal analyzed it as 50 new industrial jobs every day, that is quite an assignment, even Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. But in order to maintain this quota and to bring new industries in Kentucky, as Congressman Perkins knows, we are having to look toward his home area and other areas of Kentucky for the ability of training our people.

As Governor Breathitt has said, we feel so strongly the value of education. I believe the various titles of this bill will mean a great deal not only to our State in providing the educational training but the opportunity for a job. The department of commerce, certainly working closely with the Governor's office, is prepared to implement all the titles of the bill when it passes.

We certainly speak strongly in favor of this. Thank you.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Landrum.

Mr. LANDRUM. Thank you, Miss Peden.

Governor Breathitt, I was impressed, as you detailed your statement there, with the tremendous job you are doing with your own State and local resources. Do you feel that you could accomplish the final task in this job without Federal assistance?

Governor BREATHITT. Mr. Landrum, we certainly cannot do the job that must be done without Federal assistance, without this program. Of course, we are going to do all within our resources, whatever the Congress does, but we have taxed our State to the limit in many ways. Our whole revenue program has been designed to get the maximum in the way of taxes for our program. Our total program is designed, the greatest portion of it, toward attacking these very problems. We are working, for example, in solving the problems in Appalachia and problem areas in Kentucky, we have a small lakes problem which is a State program, we are redesigning our highways so that our land fills will be dams for water storage, for community use, recreation use,