

I have been speaking to these groups and discussing it with them. I am very much encouraged because I, myself, feel that the programs in eastern Kentucky, and in the poverty areas of eastern Kentucky, where we need economic opportunity, should be directed to the area of helping these areas help themselves so that they can make their contributions not only to the economy of their communities and the State of Kentucky, but to the Nation, and not have to be developing generation after generation of welfare recipients. We are in the right direction and this bill is in the right direction. I certainly give it all the support I can.

Mr. LANDRUM. Your colleague, Governor Sanford from North Carolina, this morning made the same statement.

Governor BREATHITT. He married a girl from my hometown, Mr. Landrum.

Mr. LANDRUM. You spoke of the chamber of commerce meetings that you attended. Do your State chamber of commerce and your local chambers of commerce support this program?

Governor BREATHITT. Yes, sir. By resolution they have done so.

Mr. LANDRUM. Do you have a State Farm Bureau in Chicago?

Governor BREATHITT. Yes.

Mr. LANDRUM. Does your State Farm Bureau support this program?

Governor BREATHITT. In fact, all State groups that I know of are supporting it. I know of no group in Kentucky which has not come out with a resolution supporting it.

Mr. LANDRUM. Is it not somewhat of a mystery to you that our State farm organizations and our State chamber organizations would support these programs and yet our National Farm Bureau and our National Chamber of Commerce would oppose it?

Governor BREATHITT. In my judgment, I think, Mr. Landrum, the National Chamber of Commerce and the National Farm Bureau should get in tune with the times and recognize the needs of the people because these programs do just exactly what they have been asking for for years and that is developmental programs rather than mere welfare programs.

Mr. LANDRUM. Thank you so much, Governor. I have enjoyed your appearance here.

Thank you, also, Miss Peden.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Bell.

Mr. BELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Governor, it is a real pleasure to welcome you to the committee. One Federal Department, HEW, will spend \$4 billion next year on grants to the States for education, for health, welfare, and vocational rehabilitation. Now, Governor, you keep referring to the fact that these programs must be coordinated. Are these programs today that I just mentioned being well coordinated in Kentucky?

Governor BREATHITT. Yes; they are being coordinated, but I think that we can, under this approach and under this program, do a better job in Kentucky.

Mr. BELL. Why do you believe that? How could we do a better job?

Governor BREATHITT. Because if we have one agency working under the President with the authority of the President, coordinating