

the program, the specialized programs of all the Federal agencies, working with a similar setup in the States, the communication and coordination efforts will be simplified in our judgment based on our experience.

You see, we in Kentucky have done identically what the Federal Government is proposing in this bill under the appointment of Mr. Shriver. We have found it to be extremely successful rather than having the local communities work with the various State agencies in trying to coordinate.

States agencies work together well just as the Federal agencies are doing. We found that in our office, this is the man who fits the role of Mr. Shriver, Mr. Whisman, who is in my office. Our area program office is doing identically the same as the office that is being established by Mr. Shriver as the President's Special Assistant. We have found it to be very successful in coordinating our efforts and implementing our programs.

Mr. BELL. That is fine.

I assume from this that you have no problem then, as the gentleman from Georgia indicated in his questioning, in the attempt to bypass your State organizations, you don't think you would get into that problem at all in many of the programs?

Governor BREATHITT. Our experience has shown that we have no problem. Our office, our area program office, and Mr. Whisman have worked closely with the Congress and with the agencies. I see no problem with that.

Mr. BELL. The only problem that concerns me a bit on this point is that the poverty head, in this case it would be Mr. Shriver, could approve community action programs without actually going through the State government. As a practical matter perhaps he would not, but the wording of this proposal would give him such authority.

Under this bill all you could do as a State is to comment about it. This is conceivably what he could do. I don't say as a practical matter it would work this way, but he could do this according to the writing of the bill.

Governor BREATHITT. Let me say this. We believe in the bill so much that even with the situation that I do not think would ever happen, but supposing it did, I think it would be a great step forward and a great help to us in Kentucky, although we do not anticipate any difficulty at all in coordination and complete expression of views on how to carry it out between Mr. Shriver's office and the office of the State government.

Mr. BELL. Governor, how many unemployed do you have in the State of Kentucky now? Do you have those figures in your mind?

Governor BREATHITT. I do not have those final exact figures as of today. It is about 6 percent statewide.

Mr. BELL. What percentage of that could you hazard a guess would be the age, say, from 16 to 21 or 24, thereabouts, the age of the Youth Corps?

Mr. PERKINS. About 16 percent.

Mr. BELL. In other words, the percentage is rather high.

Governor BREATHITT. Yes. It is much more than the proportionate amount. As you will see from these figures which I gave you on draft turndowns here, they are higher than the national average in Ken-