

ployed to aid the physically and mentally handicapped under other legislative programs?

Mr. WHITTEN. There would be additional, yes. For instance, the definition of handicapped persons that we have in our amendment as implied a while ago is somewhat different and broader. Although it does not dissassociate services from physical——

Mr. PERKINS. Don't you feel that if we had more money to spend on the present vocational rehabilitation program under this legislation that each program would complement the other?

Mr. WHITTEN. Which programs do you mean, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. PERKINS. I mean if you had more money to carry on the present program which you are advocating before this committee along with the legislation, if it was enacted into law under the community action programs to do rehabilitation work, do you not feel that each one would complement the other and that we could use both of them?

Mr. WHITTEN. Yes, Mr. Chairman, we certainly don't want anything that we are saying here to appear to be in opposition to the community action program. That is useful and it will be useful in rehabilitation ways, too. As I have indicated, it is not the best, or certainly ought not to be, the sole method of involving 52 poverty agencies—agencies experienced in poverty—in a direct attack.

Mr. PERKINS. I think I understand your position. You have made yourself clear.

Is there any other statement you want to make before we question you?

Mr. WHITTEN. I though you would want to know what you could expect if you should let us have \$20 million in this program, because this will be a program the results of which you can measure. We are rehabilitating now at a cost of \$5,000 apiece. We think this would be somewhat more of a caseload than we have already. We believe we can rehabilitate 15,000 additional individuals per year with \$20 million; 15,000 to 20,000 people with \$20 million. You will be able to call us to task and see whether we are able to accomplish it or not.

These reports are made annually so it is easy to see whether it is possible to deliver. Sometimes we don't deliver as rapidly as we think we can and sometimes we do.

As I said a moment ago, Mr. Chairman, this, we think, would be a most significant attack upon poverty as a supplement to the already existing provisions of this bill. It is not out of harmony with the bill itself. It is not out of the spirit of the bill but it is a way, we think, of getting the job done better, quicker, and cheaper than the same job could be done without this supplementary legislation.

So I think that is all I will say now. I will wait on you.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. HAWKINS. Mr. Whitten, I get a strange reaction to your statement. It seems to me that you are trying to single out one group and give it some particular attention under the bill when it seems to me that they are somewhat related to all titles of the bill as all other groups. I think the same argument could be made to any group. I cannot see just how you relate this to the general problem of trying to do something for impoverished people.

It seems to me that the physically handicapped are in perhaps the same position as persons who are handicapped for other reasons.