

We recommend the transfer of the Head Start Program from the Office of Economic Opportunity to the Office of Education, retaining the elements of the program which emphasize health, social services, parents education, and parent participation.

The answer is not every district would need to have it merely because it were under the State. There are many State programs where that is not true.

Mr. GIBBONS. Then let me ask you, Mr. Christian, since I am very familiar with your situation: Could we put Headstart entirely under your Department of Education and not be under some kind of very rigid requirement that we run it in every school district in Florida?

Mr. CHRISTIAN. There would be needed changes in the law, which you are perhaps almost familiar with, in the State law.

Mr. GIBBONS. So if we transferred Headstart this year to you, to be operated by you, you would have to have some lead.

We couldn't possibly do it before July or August, I would imagine.

Mr. Goodell, is that right?

Mr. CHRISTIAN. We need some leadtime because the facilities for changing State laws and moving into a program where they have had them in buildings and churches, it would not be adequate in school setups.

Mr. FULLER. May I suggest that this called for transfer of the Federal administration to the U.S. Office of Education. That would not affect the State office in this respect.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Dellenbach, the gentleman from Oregon.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Chairman, I will listen to the questions of the other members and get to my questions later in the day.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Ford.

Mr. FORD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

To pursue that point for a moment, the gentleman from Illinois, in a short but very hard-hitting statement—which makes at least one thing apparent to me, that he doesn't like the program—says that "We do not know where Headstart programs or education for migratory workers are being conducted in Illinois."

I find that a startling revelation, that the principal school officer in Illinois doesn't know if Illinois has a migratory program or where it is or who is conducting it.

If the superintendent of public instruction in my State said that, I would be constrained to ask the superintendent of education if he was doing his job.

Who have you asked about the location of Headstart programs in your State who has been reluctant to tell you who is running them?

Mr. PAGE. We have sought it and asked that it be supplied to us in writing.

Mr. FORD. Would you be surprised if I told you every Member of Congress has in his office data on the exact dollar volume and the head of every Headstart program in his State, and he gets that on a quarterly basis from the Office of Economic Opportunity?

Anyone who calls me from my district need only ask a girl in my office, never mind to talk to me, and she can supply it. Have you talked to any Member of Congress from your State about this?

Mr. PAGE. No. I am not surprised that the Congressmen know the Headstart programs in their districts.