

neglected and delinquent children, resulted in a decrease of funds that was available.

Mr. BELL. The thing that disturbs me is that I don't think we received much help from the administration on this particular issue. They didn't bring this out. They didn't come to our aid on this situation.

For example, supposing, Mr. Secretary, we transferred Headstart from the Poverty Act. Supposing that that is done. Supposing we transferred Headstart out of the Poverty Act to the Office of Education where it belongs, is your organization going to give us some support so that we can get the money there too, so that it will not be short changed there?

Secretary GARDNER. I think we should stand together on that, Mr. Bell.

Mr. BELL. I assume from that you also would like to see it transferred, would you not?

Secretary GARDNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BELL. You would like to see Headstart transferred out of the Poverty Act?

Secretary GARDNER. That is a question of timing on which we really are not prepared to express ourselves. We have always taken the view that eventually, its eventual home is HEW. But when it comes is a matter of timing.

Mr. BELL. I think that there we are talking about the money that we need very badly for our educational programs. I think that was one spot there where we could have acted and we could have saved ourselves \$16 million in one case and \$12 million in the other.

Now I will yield to my friend, Mr. Burton.

Mr. BURTON. I concur in the remarks and the observations of my colleague from California, Mr. Bell.

With reference to the use of AFDC data, Mr. Secretary, I want to know why HEW did not even seek in the supplemental, nor apparently this year either, the funding for that change in the formula. The Subcommittee on Appropriations in our House was unaware that the policy change took place. The Department refused in the face of a decision of this committee and the Congress to fund that additional policy consideration in terms of matching. This worked to the disadvantage of the States which relied on your estimates as to what additional funds this would bring to them.

I wonder if you have any reason. One, you refused to seek funding of this policy, and, two, are you this year in addition to the other authorizations going to seek funding for this AFDC policy?

Secretary GARDNER. I would like to ask Commissioner Howe to comment.

Mr. HOWE. We have no plans at the present time for bringing the supplemental appropriation before the Congress to handle this problem.

Mr. BURTON. Will you repeat that, please?

Mr. HOWE. We have no plans at the present time for bringing a supplemental before the Congress to handle this problem. We are increasingly aware of the problem and looking into any possibilities there may be for a solution. We do believe that we made considerable