

Mr. DELLENBACK. I suppose there is not any of the five districts here involved that would not like massive infusions of Federal funds if this were to be in addition to everything that is now given to you.

May I ask again, please, a simple question, trying to make it "yes" or "no" around the horn. Do you, speaking for your district, favor title V, the strengthening of State departments, in your specific States?

Mr. STAPLETON. Yes.

Mr. HAZLETT. Without any question; yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. Yes.

Mr. HOLT. Yes, sir.

Mr. BREIT. Yes, a strong endorsement.

Mr. DELLENBACK. All five of you are unanimous in feeling that State departments should be strengthened.

Again, and oversimplifying, all of us working under the gun of time and oversimplification, do you feel that future emphasis in this field of Federal-State-local should be primarily on an improvement in Federal-State relationship, or do you feel that the primary emphasis should be on improvement and increase of Federal-local-district relationship? May I again ask around the horn? This is an either/or that is somewhat false because the answer could be that they should both be. To the degree we choose one at the expense of the other, does your vote come down in favor of primary emphasis on improving Federal-State or primary emphasis on improving Federal-local?

Mr. STAPLETON. I wish we had time to speak to a three-way partnership, but in the context of your question, State-local.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You mean Federal-local. I put the question on the relationship of Federal to building the Federal-State relationships so that then the State deals with the local, versus the Federal dealing directly with the local and bypassing the State.

Mr. STAPLETON. I would favor building the relationship between the Federal and the State.

Mr. HAZLETT. In view of your last remarks, I would say "yes."

Mr. JOHNSON. To be consistent with my previous answer I would have to say Federal-State.

Mr. HOLT. Federal-State.

Mr. BREIT. I would say Federal-State, with the exception of title III, which I would like to see continued as Federal-State-district relationship.

Mr. DELLENBACK. We could all dwell at some length on the ramifications of this question, but in the stripped-down analysis I tried to break it into a simple question.

I appreciate your answers.

Speaking for those who have been here and have left, we do appreciate you gentlemen coming, some of you coming from a particularly long distance. This type of testimony is very helpful to us as we seek to do what we ought to be doing on our side of the desk.

Chairman PERKINS. I regret that the other minority members were not present to hear the questions put to the witnesses by Mr. Dellenback.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I am interested in the fact that the membership ebbs and flows. In the back of my mind I am making a mental note