

wondering how the adult education program is working down in Kentucky. Is it beginning to show signs of life? Or has it been kind of stymied under the direction of OEO as it used to be?

Mr. NOE. I will be glad to answer as far as we are concerned. As appendix to the statement—my name is Noe, Sam Noe, not Pogue, Noe from Louisville—I had a statement in there about an adult education program which we call “The learn more, earn more” program, which we established. In this we have both the basic education for the adult illiterates and then for those who are trying to get a high school equivalency certificate. It has worked now for us for 2 years. We think it is an excellent program. We have much community support for it. From all that we know about it and all evaluation we can give it, we think it is quite fine.

Mr. BELL. In one of last year’s amendments in the Elementary and Secondary Act and the Poverty Act the adult education part of the Poverty Act was taken out of the direction of the OEO and placed under the direction of the Office of Education in much the same fashion as you gentlemen were discussing for Headstart to be changed and taken away from Poverty Act and put under the Office of Education Department. Did you know that?

Mr. NOE. You mean the literacy part?

Mr. BELL. The adult education was taken away from the poverty program.

Mr. NOE. All adult education. Earlier the adult literacy was under one program.

Mr. BELL. There is some part, the literacy still is in under the OEO but essentially the major part of the adult education—

Mr. NOE. It is one of the points, sir, we were making. When you are dealing with different agencies, this is a good example, we were dealing with Frankfort, which was operating under the State department of education for the basic literacy program. Then we were working with our local community action commission for the rest of it. One had money at the time when the other didn’t. So, these were complicating factors. These are the things we were saying, if we could get them channeled in more direct line, it could help us administratively.

Mr. BELL. As you know, the amendments last year were very late. The adult education was taken out very late so the Appropriations Committee did not change over and appropriate adequately for it.

Mr. VANHOOSE. Mr. Bell, my name is VanHoose. I think there is a feeling. Congressman Perkins and others have indicated this morning that Congress is interested in getting appropriations made far in advance so that there can be better planning at the local level. This would greatly facilitate our effort to make the adult program even better than it is.

A couple of times already we have had cutoffs before we were complete with our program. Not only was this disrupting, but this was embarrassing and very discouraging in many instances to those who were participating when, at a strategic moment, we had to curtail the program. I would like to compliment the Congress and the thinking that is going into this particular aspect and encourage you to move in this direction because it would greatly aid us.

Mr. BELL. Yes. As I say, this was done late. It was unfortunate that we did not catch up. That was the first move taken last year,