

the unemployment of the country is masked by the welfare laws. You can't tell who is unemployed or who is available for work because of it.

A large part certainly of the money that is spent for defense is spent in the State of California. California absolutely will not permit a woman to work, I understand, over 48 hours a week. They have some very qualified women who are not permitted overtime. Now, I understand that this case is coming up through the courts, and maybe the Supreme Court will have sense enough to say that a woman is a person and that the equal protection of the laws apply, and therefore, you will be able to hire them for more than 48 hours.

But part of the scarcity of labor would be done away with if they could be hired, and this is particularly true in defense industry. It seems to me that one of the problems of the defense industry is that it is occupied by highly unionized, highly articulate workmen, plus the fact that you are paying for the lobby of the manufacturers out of Federal money, to come down here and lobby to get additional contracts, and to set up a system where a large part of their expenses are paid that is really not true with other manufacturers.

Therefore, I think that any statistics have to be more carefully looked at than we are now drawing statistics for unemployment. Would you like to say something?

Mr. BOLTON. May I ask, Does that California law apply to all women or just those with children?

Representative GRIFFITHS. All women.

Mr. BOLTON. That does strike me as being unreasonable then; yes.

Representative GRIFFITHS. What objection do you have for those with children? Why would you like it to apply to women, those with children? Fifty percent of all women are working now. Why do you want some to stay home?

Mr. BOLTON. I was just going to suggest that there is some basis for having some standards and not allowing a mother to neglect her children, even if it means getting a—

Representative GRIFFITHS. You mean like a woman with a 400-word vocabulary, it is a good idea for her to stay home with all 13 illegitimate children.

Mr. BOLTON. I agree that is a problem.

Representative GRIFFITHS. It is a very bad idea. The idea is that those children should be put some place where they have a chance and the woman herself should be given a chance.

Some years ago I asked in this committee about machine tools, and finally the GAO has come in with a report, and I found out that, of course, the original tooling clause was put in the Defense Department contracts, so that a manufacturer would not be compelled to purchase equipment that was not ordinary equipment for his company, the exotic equipment, the equipment that was used purely for the manufacturer of defense products.

Now I really was thinking about tools, jigs, dies, and fixtures that are put on equipment, and that are not kept track of by the Federal Government. I asked the GAO to see if they could find out really where that equipment was and how we do keep track of it.

In one plant, I believe in California, the manufacturer told them that he put on 20 men for a year to sort out the Government's equipment, as opposed to his own.