

follow him will have a tremendously difficult job because of the high standards of perfection that he has set for this office.

Mr. DENT. Some of us want to praise Sargent Shriver, some of us want to bury him. I move the regular order so that we can proceed.

Chairman PERKINS. Proceed, Sargent Shriver.

STATEMENT OF SARGENT SHRIVER, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Mr. SHRIVER. Mr. Chairman, I am grateful for the comments which have just been made by you and by others.

Before I proceed with my actual statement I would appreciate, if it is agreeable to you, to respond just briefly to Congressman Scheuer's criticism.

All the agencies of the Federal Government I think have some difficulty determining how much material to supply to various committees. I think the record will show that the bill H.R. 8311 on which I appear to testify was presented to the Congress on the 10th of April, some 2 months ago.

The congressional presentation of my agency was submitted to the Congress last Thursday afternoon. It is true that everything is not in this folder. It is also true that there is a great deal of information in this folder on each of the programs.

We do not hold out, Congressman Scheuer, that everything you would want to know is in here but we are always trying to balance the amount of interest that the particular committee members will have against total request of an individual member.

Mr. SCHEUER. We just received all of this at this very moment.

Mr. SHRIVER. This was delivered last week. This is not the whole story. Don't misunderstand me.

We have a huge presentation just on the Job Corps which I hope we will have time to go into in some detail. We have a huge presentation on Community Action and so forth. But the problem, as I was trying to say, is that we are continually confronted by how much to give.

We thought that this was a good beginning at least which went into the program in some detail. The other material was made available this morning but it is much more than most members will want.

I am not trying to claim that we do it right all the time but I am trying to say there was substantive and substantial amounts of information available more than 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

This was delivered to the committee staff.

The next time we will deliver it not only to the individual staff but to your individual offices.

I am here, Mr. Chairman, in support of H.R. 8311 which would authorize \$2.06 billion for continuation and expansion of the various programs which have been inaugurated by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Three years ago this committee of the House of Representatives shaped the legislation which began America's war against poverty. At that time I believe there was little understanding in this country about poverty.