

stimulate, initiate, improved methods of providing volunteer services, et cetera?

Mr. CROOK. I think this is the section that gives us latitude in new programs such as the associate program, Citizens Corps, and others that we are now working with which we hope to be able to announce in the near future.

Mr. STEIGER. That is all that is?

Mr. BAKER. Essentially we are not authorized, really, to expend any amount of money to amount to anything at all in the encouragement of other non-VISTA volunteer sort of activities. Anything that a VISTA volunteer does he could not use VISTA money or OEO money to put up, to paint a sign, to erect a sign for people to come and volunteer for, say, work in a hospital or work with Headstart. This authorizes the expenditure of money by VISTA for non-VISTA volunteer programs, for the sort of thing they talked about in the citizens' volunteer program, the purely local, just encouraging other people to get out. There are some expenses involved you can use the money for.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you for clarifying that.

What comments, Mr. Crook, would you have on what is proposed in title VI of the opportunity crusade as it relates to VISTA?

Mr. CROOK. I have to confess, Mr. Congressman, there is very little there that does relate. I have not spent a great deal of time studying that. There are only a few words that pertain to VISTA. My one concern as I expressed to the other gentleman was that it would keep VISTA at the funding level of \$26 mililon which would mean a very dramatic cutback.

Mr. STEIGER. Let me interrupt to say that there are five pages devoted to the VISTA.

Mr. CROOK. Those five pages then I have not seen, nor been provided with.

Mr. STEIGER. In other words, you have not seen a copy of H.R. 10682?

Mr. BAKER. I think what he has probably seen was a short synopsis prepared in my office.

Mr. DELLENBACK. We will be glad to make 33 copies or whatever number you need, available.

Mr. CROOK. You know when you are riding in a fast, sleek boat, and enjoying the ride and knowing that you are on time and you have a good skipper, you don't spend a lot of time studying the lifeboat. Our bill is so good, we are so pleased with it, that I have not spent a lot of time on other bills.

Mr. DELLENBACK. If you are going to pull into a harbor it is well to check the docking facilities.

Mr. STEIGER. With that I would agree.

Then there is little purpose, frankly, in going on and discuss the hometown VISTA program which I would assume is very similar to your own volunteer citizens' program that you have as part of the new legislation for VISTA. If you haven't read it you can't discuss it. I regret very much that you have not had a chance to look at it. I suggest to you that you do because I think it would be valuable both in terms of trying to determine those areas in which we can make improvements as well as in attempting to find out what weakness, if any, exists in the present ongoing program.