

problem with migrants and what they can learn about them, and I always tell them to read Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*, and they say, "That was written in the thirties," and I say, "Fine, because nothing has changed." I think that is true. Nothing has changed. The United States spent more on migratory birds than on migratory workers before the OEO Act.

The average migrant family earns about \$100 a year and when you do surveys to find what is happening and who is being employed you find that 364,000 children under 13 are working in the fields doing stoop labor. You find that children under 9 are doing stoop labor. You find that people are living in conditions which it is hard to believe in 1967 in this country, and you can look at all the pictures that you want to look at and yet until you go out to one of these camps you don't appreciate it because you can't smell them and you can't feel the flies and that is the big difference.

I don't see any reason to introduce this to the record, but I have coupons which people are paid to use in the company stores. They are not paid in cash. They are paid in script, and this is prevalent in many parts of our country.

I am not here to tell about the deplorable conditions of the migratory workers because we are not looking upon legislation to ameliorate these conditions. We don't really have to worry too much about ameliorating conditions because the migrant will not be with us too long. Every statistic put out by the Farm Labor Service, by the Department of Labor, shows that the need for stoop labor is gradually decreasing in this country.

Ten years ago today no one would have believed that you could pick tomatoes by machine. Yet today we have 70 percent of all California tomatoes being harvested by machine; in 1964 when this act came into existence only 4 percent. In 3 short years we have gone from 4 percent to 70 percent.

I am told by people in the farm machinery business that there isn't a crop today that can't be picked by machine when the price is right. The machinery is already on the drawing boards and I am sure Congressman Gibbons will attest to the fact that 25 percent of all Florida oranges are being picked by machine today.

So the migrants are being driven out of their stoop labor. It is not a pleasant picture to be a migrant and many people have come to us with studies. They want to know why do migrants migrate, and we have not funded any of those studies because we know why they migrate. They migrate because there are no jobs. They are not like the Lapps in Scandinavia or other roving bands. The problem that we have to face is that as automation comes in and the need for stoop labor decreases these people are going to go on welfare and they are going to gravitate toward the big cities and become problems all through America, and that is what we are trying to do. We are trying to be one step ahead of them so that we will make them taxpayers rather than tax eaters, that they can go to the cities or the rural areas and find employment because they have education, they have some way of being gainfully employed. The average stoop laborer can neither read nor write. He does not spend much time in a place to vote, to collect welfare, and these are the people that we are trying to reach.