

OEO. The opportunity crusade in its title VIII provides similar authority in the Community Action Division of HEW, and the authorization that it calls for in this particular same general area is some \$27 million which is exactly the authorization which is requested in the present bill, the amendments that we are dealing with so far as the amendments to OEO are concerned. I say that not in the way of argumentation, good of bad. I say it because I feel that this ought to go in the record to show that the opportunity crusade does look on this program that you have been talking about and recognizes that it has great value.

Mr. KLORES. Are you asking for comments or may I comment?

Mr. DELLENBACK. We are putting that in the record. You are certainly free to comment.

Mr. KLORES. Thank you. I think that the Department of HEW has done a wonderful job and other departments have done a wonderful job but I think anyone has to keep in mind that the Office of Economic Opportunity is really not tied to any pattern. I think if you look to the point that Congressman Meeds raised about the education money for migrants you will find that it goes through the State school systems. I am not opposed to that. However, OEO is not in its present legislation or in its history an agency forced to go through a school system. We question if it is the most desirable approach but where a State school system may be not interested in doing anything for migrant children we can go to private nonprofit groups.

I agree with you that this hearing is not the time to raise a debate on the opportunity crusade. I want to point out that this is my third agency. I have spent 9 years in the Government since I got out of school and I have never experienced an agency which has so much ability to move from one thing to another unfettered by redtape which would have to take 3 years to change and that is what I think the glory of this agency is.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Do you imply, Mr. Klores, that if this change were to be made with HEW that they would find themselves fettered and not able to deal with this problem?

Mr. KLORES. I would say that the HEW has traditions. They have regulation. I don't know how they would react to this program but this OEO was set up to deal with the poor and to move across any line necessary to help the poor and to be concerned only with the poor, and I think one thing this agency has dealt with is providing for the poor.

Mr. DELLENBACK. If Sargent Shriver and you and the others were to sit down and testify before us and be anything but advocates of your programs I would be deeply disappointed in you all but you put the finger on it yourself a moment ago when you talked about education and the debate was whether or not this ought to be moved out or left alone and you said those most deeply involved are not able to judge the activity. You were talking about one small phase of the program and the point that you made, however, is an extremely valid one. It may also be that you are lacking the objectivity to determine whether there ought to be another aspect as well.

I do have just a couple of short questions on this one, Mr. Chairman. You touch on the possibility of this ultimately phasing out, Mr. Klores,