

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10:05 a.m., pursuant to call, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Green, Dent, Brademas, Scheuer, Meeds, Ayres, Quie, Goodell, Reid, Scherle, Dellenback, Eshleman, and Steiger.

Also present: H. D. Reed, Jr., general counsel; Robert E. McCord, senior specialist; Louise Maxienne Dargans, research assistant; Benjamin F. Reeves, editor of committee publications; Austin Sullivan, investigator; Marian Wyman, special assistant to the chairman; Charles W. Radcliffe, minority counsel for education; John R. Buckley, chief minority investigator; Dixie Barger, minority research specialist; and W. Phillips Rockefeller, minority research specialist.

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order. There is a quorum present. I understand that the Secretary has had a bit of bad luck and that you are fortunate to be here, Mr. Secretary. I understand that you may have had some.

STATEMENTS OF HON. W. WILLARD WIRTZ, SECRETARY OF LABOR; ACCOMPANIED BY R. THAYNE ROBSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MANPOWER; STANLEY H. RUTTENBERG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR AND MANPOWER ADMINISTRATOR; JACK HOWARD, ADMINISTRATOR OF BUREAU OF WORK PROGRAMS; D. CURTIS C. ALLER, ASSOCIATE MANPOWER ADMINISTRATOR; SAMUEL V. MERRICK, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Secretary WIRTZ. I am very sorry. It is just a matter of getting stuck in an elevator between two floors. I can only apologize, without any explanation other than that.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me welcome you here, Mr. Secretary. We are delighted that you are here. The Department of Labor is responsible for some programs that are most important to the war on poverty under delegated authority, for example, the Neighborhood Youth Corps. We are all most anxious to hear from you. Your department has done a wonderful job in connection with the administration of these programs. You may proceed.