

do at all before. I would urge very, very strongly the continued development of this program for the time being through somebody whose job and whose sole job is to recognize the effects of poverty and to develop those institutions and procedures which will meet that problem. There will be a time for turning it over, but it is not now.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Secretary WIRTZ. With respect to the statement which I am summarizing, the rest of it quite briefly includes, in particular, a discussion of those programs which we are administering in the Department of Labor. Those started with the Neighborhood Youth Corps. They include now three other: the Work Experience-Working Training Programs, the New Careers Program for which Congressman Scheuer is so largely responsible, the Operation Mainstream and special urban impact program.

My report, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, upon the operations of those programs is set out in the statement. It is a record of, I think, very real accomplishment. It is a record which also shows the need for some improvement in the statutory basis on which this program is conducted. Those changes are made in title I, part B, of H.R. 8311. Their particular relevance to these programs which we administer is set out on pages 5, 6, and 7. They permit these provisions in title I, part B.

Mr. DENT (presiding). I would suggest that perhaps you take a little more time now and give more detail and, if you want, refer more often to your printed script, so that we can follow you more closely. The pressure is over now. The chairman is away, and we will take it easy.

Secretary WIRTZ. Thank you very much. I would think the point to start, on that basis, would be at the bottom of page 4 and top of page 5, in which there is reference to the present development or the past development in this program. You will recall that shortly after the enactment of the Economic Opportunity Act, and the establishment of the Office of Economic Opportunity, there was delegated to the Department of Labor the Neighborhood Youth Corps. You will probably note, too, that within the last several months there has been added the delegation of the Nelson program, the Scheuer program—Operation Mainstream, we call it—then the new careers program for which Mr. Scheuer is so largely responsible, and the urban impact program.

Those are administered by the Department of Labor, on delegation from the OEO.

Mr. DENT. How would you say that they are going, Mr. Secretary?

Secretary WIRTZ. My report can be quite full with respect to the Neighborhood Youth Corps. The statistical summary of that program and its accomplishments are set out on pages 10, 11, 12 of my statement.

Let me give you just the outlines of it. There are three Neighborhood Youth Corps programs. One of them is an in-school program. The next one is an out-of-school program, and the third is a summer program. Jack Howard is here, who has administered that program so effectively and so well. You may have questions about it. The chairman's question included the matter of whether we have used all the funds which were available, and we have on this program. We are