

creating and developing programs—I would hate to see that downgraded on your priorities. It seems to me we should be carrying on a full-fledged program as well as the MDTA program. I defer to your expertise.

Secretary WIRTZ. There is a possible misunderstanding here, because Mr. Howard's replies to Mr. Goodell were in terms of the Neighborhood Youth Corps. I should only like to say that, as far as the manpower program as a whole is concerned, it is moving at a very rapid pace in the direction to which you refer; namely, toward not only a reliance upon the resources of private industry on the training program, but reliance on their initiative in developing it. It is a record which starts with the shifting of the manpower development and training program itself from an institutional training program emphasis to an on-the-job training program emphasis. But it has not stopped there.

So that right now there is a whole series of developments which are part of the very active program of trying to elicit not only the assistance but initiative of private enterprise. We are talking with the employer groups in some 21 areas now about programs which we call "concentrated employment," which are like the "Jobs Now" concept. We are moving along lines which are perhaps illustrated by the fact that in Cleveland the companies, the large corporations in Cleveland, recognizing our problem on personnel, have loaned us six or seven people with top quality management capability for several months to get the concentrated employment program started.

There is a wide variety of efforts. Taking the manpower program as a whole, it is moving very strongly in the direction to which you refer and should, in my judgment, move further in that direction.

Mr. SCHEUER. Do you think you have all the legislative authority you need?

Secretary WIRTZ. We feel we will have with H.R. 8311. Now with respect to the Manpower Program, it is not that H.R. 8311 marks out broad new areas of authorization. The pieces of authority exist, but they are scattered in various places in the present statute. The amendment which carries your name is in one place. Then these other amendments are in various other places. By bringing those together in title I, part B, and by making one provision or another with respect to flexibility, with respect to requiring more supportive services, with changing the definition of unemployment eligibility so that we can provide assistance to a broader range of individuals—with those changes, my answer to your question is yes.

I want the pattern of my answer to be clear. When you say, "Do we have legislative authority?" the Department of Labor has it by delegation under present law, and would have authority by delegation under H.R. 8311. My answer to your question is, with the enactment of H.R. 8311 there is, taking the Economic Opportunity Act along with the Manpower Development and Training Act, ample opportunity for flexibility and coordinated flexible administration of the Manpower Program. And this is the first time I have ever said that to this committee.

Mr. SCHEUER. We are very happy to hear it.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Ayres.