

private employment. I would like to ask how many people you have employed now under these three experimental programs where you are paying part of the wage?

Secretary WIRTZ. There is another question that is relevant, and that is, how large an area can we cover with the on-the-job training programs in the MDTA?

My objection, Mr. Goodell, is against singling out the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program and asking about the on-the-job opportunities there, without regard to the fact—let me see, it is \$400 million roughly Manpower and Development Training Act which we are administering along with that. So the situation is that we are now in a position to provide on-the-job training opportunity and are moving very rapidly in that direction.

Mr. GOODELL. Paying part of the wage for private enterprise?

Secretary WIRTZ. Not in that form.

Mr. DENT. In the first place, we know that the legislative amendment practically tied the hand of the administrator to the point where if he is paying any part of the wage, he is paying through subterfuge by picking up a greater part of the training cost.

Mr. GOODELL. The legislative change would not only give you authority but require you to move in this direction.

Mr. DENT. Then I think the proper question is, Mr. Secretary, would you favor a proposal that would give you direct authority to do this? Then we will talk about the money.

Mr. GOODELL. I think he went around the barn on that, but I will be glad to have you repeat it directly in that way.

Mr. DENT. I thought I understood the Secretary to say that he would welcome an opportunity to deal directly with the problem without having to use a subterfuge or paying a large part of the training cost in lieu of a wage part. I may be wrong.

Secretary WIRTZ. You can't take one part of this picture. You are talking about a bill, Mr. Goodell, which also goes on to provide for a tax credit for this same kind of thing. You can't separate these things out.

Mr. GOODELL. Tax credit is a separate proposal which does not come before the jurisdiction of this committee.

Secretary WIRTZ. Respectfully, I think it is not. The basic question is how far should you go in actually putting the money into the hands of the employers by subsidy or by any of these other devices. You are talking here about what is in another committee's jurisdiction.

Let us recognize it is also part of a problem which you have in another committee in an answer in terms of tax credit. We want to be sure that the right people, and by that I mean the hard core, unemployed are those who get the benefits of whatever money the public wants to put in this program. That is the basic point.

Mr. GOODELL. Let us put it this way—

Secretary WIRTZ. I get only half way around the barn.

Mr. GOODELL. I am sorry. Did you have more to your answer?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes, just to point out, in response to the chairman's point, too, it is not an easy question. It is a hard one. It is one in which I think we all recognize it is the desirability of private employers to do all the training that can possibly be done and our shifting as rapidly as we can in that direction.