

have shown not only high professionalism and expertise and competence out of long experience, but also a zest and enthusiasm for their jobs, for finding new approaches, new techniques, a willingness to change established ways of doing business, that I think has resulted in a veritable explosion of progress in the last year or year and a half, not only in getting the unemployed in some kind of public-service jobs as aids, which I have been concerned with, but perhaps even more important in experimenting with means of involving our private sector in programs for the so-called structurally unemployed. I think this is important. I know you are concerned with that, too. I think we all must be sure that in these early beginnings of the program we don't make ourselves vulnerable to the charges of boondoggling, of an unjustified subsidy to the private sector that isn't explained in terms of real service to the particular people who need it.

I ask that we look back at some of the instances where we have broken the minimum wage structure and permitted industry to employ handicapped people—the blind, the disabled—where we have found cases of exploitation. That is part of our history that we can not be proud of. We have learned a great deal about how to provide employment creatively and productively with guidelines of established goals and standards.

I am sure that is the direction in which you are aiming.

Secretary WIRTZ. Mr. Scheuer, when you develop a program of the kind you did, then when you write us a letter of the kind you did last week, to ask just what is going on about these various programs, I want to say to you that you do more to help our end of the job than anything could be.

You put, in testing it, an intensive 48-hour review in the Department of Labor to point out just how much is being done. I would like to express in return my gratitude for that kind of government leadership. It would be inappropriate for me to say more but indecent for me to say less.

Mr. SCHEUER. May I ask unanimous consent at this time for the questions and answers we have developed on various technical aspects of the programs be placed in the record following the colloquy with the Secretary? I don't think much of it is of general interest, but I think it would be helpful to have it in the record.

Mr. BRADEMAS. I would like to ask a couple of questions of the Secretary.

Mr. Secretary, to what extent can you give us specific information on the employability status of these enrollees before and after their training?

Secretary WIRTZ. In the Manpower Development and Training Act?

Mr. BRADEMAS. I am speaking of the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

Secretary WIRTZ. There is a brief summary in my statement, but I will ask Mr. Howard to give it in more detail. It appears on page 11.

Mr. HOWARD. On page 11 of the Secretary's statement, Mr. Chairman, is a condensation of a recent evaluation study that we have received.

Basically, we start from the fact of the out-of-school program, and we start with the fact of unemployed disadvantaged. We do not have