

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1967

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

The committee met at 10:25 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Quie, Goodell, and Dellenback.

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, and W. Phillips Rockefeller, minority research specialist.

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order. A quorum is present.

Before we get started this morning, I have a letter before me from the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Honorable John W. Gardner, which I will read into the record at this time.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry that my absence from Washington Prevents me from testifying before your Committee on the Economic Opportunity Amendments. Mr. Lisle C. Carter, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Individual and Family Services, will speak for the Department, but I would like to add my personal word of strong support for the Administration bill (H.R. 8311).

Though they began only a few years ago, the programs in the war on poverty have become an indispensable part of our nation's efforts to break the cycle of poverty and to reduce dependence. Without the leadership of the Office of Economic Opportunity, these programs would not be the strong force for social progress that they are today. This leadership must continue if we are to concentrate our efforts on the poor as the Congress has intended and as we have done in the past.

The Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967 represent a series of carefully conceived proposals aimed at strengthening the programs under the Economic Opportunity Act. I strongly urge your support for the amendments.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. GARDNER,
Secretary.

We have with us this morning Mr. Lisle C. Carter, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Individual and Family Services, who will represent the Secretary. He is accompanied by Mr. Donald Slater, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Development; Mrs. Barbara Coughlan, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Social Services and Financial Assistance; and Dr. Nolan Estes, Associate Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.