

Have any agreements been made along that line by HEW with Labor that would deprive the people under title V of continuing to work after July 1, the commencement of the new fiscal year?

Mr. CARTER. No, sir; no agreements have been reached to change the program in that respect. The point I want to make is that we have \$70 million in the program.

Chairman PERKINS. Are there any changes in the program contemplated that are on the way, would they displace workers now involved under title V of the Work Experience and Training program commencing July 1?

Mr. CARTER. I will let Mrs. Coughlan supplement my answer. The only thing that is playing is that we have \$70 million in the budget this year as opposed to in the neighborhood of a hundred million dollars last year. So, some projects will be phased out this year. We are in the process of identifying which projects they will be. I will ask Mrs. Coughlan to supplement it.

Chairman PERKINS. Mrs. Coughlan?

Mrs. COUGHLAN. I think, Mr. Chairman, maybe you are referring to the possibility that the criteria for selection of participants in the program might be changed after July 1. Because there was mention in the 1966 amendments that projects with high training potential would have priority.

We have reached agreement with the Department of Labor that substantially the same group of participants will be served after July 1 as have been in the past. This is in accordance with the intent of the committee, as we read the report.

The way of interpretation of a high training potential has been made is that this is the way a project should be structured in order to permit upward mobility in training for participants, but not to keep out those who perhaps in the beginning appear not to be employable.

Chairman PERKINS. Now we have so many in my area that it is very evident to me that they are not considered employable by most employers because of age and because of their lack of basic education and training. As you know, many of them were automated out of their jobs in the coal mines and that is all those people knew—how to mine coal. These people prefer to work and try to obtain some useful work and training, even though the employers don't want them.

Ford Motor Co., as you know, came into the area and recruiting and screening persons for employment and placed maybe 200 or 300, but they took mostly young people.

In other words, they took the easiest to train. Even though there were many elderly people who would have liked to go with Ford, because of their age and educational background they were not wanted. Now I am talking about this particular group, the hard core, whether useful work experience and training programs, whether it be a cleanup job or beautifying the area, or any of those programs—it is not just leaf raking—where the Government can wisely expend funds and they will be expended for good purposes—has training of this type and programs of this type been thought out and planned by HEW for this type of individual?

Will you address yourself to that point?

Mrs. COUGHLAN. It is definitely the intent to continue to serve that group after July 1. There is not to be any change in the criteria for selection of trainees after July 1.