stand ready to answer any questions that you or the committee want to direct.

Chairman PERKINS. You have given the committee a very forthright statement. I do have a few questions, Mr. Boutin. You think this program in the next fiscal year will be operated independently. Is that correct?

Mr. BOUTIN. As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, since the amendments voted last October by the Congress the loan function itself is performed exclusively by SBA. The question of the SBDC's remains a function of OEO. As I look at H.R. 8311 there are no proposed amendments which would transfer that function, nor would I recommend to the committee that these functions be transferred. I think they should remain the function of OEO. We have gotten along extremely well with OEO, or EDA, for that matter, on performing the program with the amendments of last October.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you cooperate on making a loan with EDA on the same loan occasionally?

Mr. BOUTIN. We have and we can, Mr. Chairman. EDA's program of course is substantially different than ours.

Chairman PERKINS. Just how is it substantially different?

Mr. BOUTIN. They can only operate in certain designated areas where there is substantial unemployment that have been designated as redevelopment areas. We call them EDA areas, as a matter of fact. We can operate nationwide. They have a grant program as well as a loan program while our program is strictly loans. We are confined to small businesses. They can make loans to larger businesses than we can.

Chairman PERKINS. How many loans to small business enterprises have you made in Kentucky and particularly in eastern Kentucky during the past year?

Mr. BOUTIN. During the past year, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes. Compare that with the previous year.

Mr. BOUTIN. I do not have the comparison with the previous years, Mr. Chairman, but I can tell you what the total is. Thus far, for this fiscal year we have made a total of 29 loans in Kentucky for the first 11 months of this fiscal year, for a total of $1,288,000.

Chairman PERKINS. As I understand, you have an office in Louisville. Is that right?

Mr. BOUTIN. Yes, sir.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you have a breakdown there as to how many loans were made in Pike County, Ky., during the past year?

Mr. BOUTIN. I would have to supply that for the record. I have the loan record for each regional office for this fiscal year but that would cover an entire State or less than a State where there is more than one regional office.

Chairman PERKINS. Are you concentrating in the disadvantaged areas from the standpoint of service to small businesses?

Mr. BOUTIN. We concentrate, Mr. Chairman, on every community. There use to be that SBA operated much like a bank and people had to come to SBA for consideration. We have established this outreach program as of last September where now we are in fact duty stationing people in neighborhood service centers. We have circuit