

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
POVERTY TASK FORCE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The task force met at 9:45 a.m., pursuant to call, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Green, Pucinski, Daniels, Gibbons, Quie, Goodell, and Dellenback.

Also present: H. D. Reed, Jr., general counsel; Robert E. McCord, senior specialist; Louise Maxienné Dargans, research assistant; Benjamin Reeves, editor of committee publications; Austin Sullivan, investigator; Marian Wyman, special assistant; Charles W. Radcliffe, minority counsel for education; John Buckley, minority investigator; Dixie Barger, minority research assistant; and W. Phillips Rockefeller, minority research specialist.

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

We have with us this morning two of our colleagues, Congressman Charles A. Vanik of Ohio and Congressman William S. Moorhead of Pennsylvania. You are the first Members to appear. All of the membership has been invited.

We are delighted to welcome you here. We are interested in hearing your testimony, and you may proceed in any manner you care to.

STATEMENT OF HON. CHARLES A. VANIK, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity to testify before you on this measure. I want to commend you for the success of the higher education bill. It gave me a source of great pride to see it come through intact. It was a great achievement.

Mr. Chairman, as you are undoubtedly well aware, I am sure, I represent an area within the boundaries of the city of Cleveland in which there are over 144,000 people classified at or below the poverty level. The Hough community, which has, for negative reasons, become nationally known, is within my congressional district.

For these reasons and many others, I come before this committee in hearty support of the proposals presented within H.R. 8311, the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967.