

Would you still suggest in the circumstances that Headstart be transferred to the Office of Economic Opportunity in certain areas where you say we want innovation, deprive the people of that innovative type of service?

Mr. QUIE. That is an "Are you still beating your wife" type of question.

Mr. MARSHALL. I would say, sir, that the Headstart programs and in those kinds of problematical areas would be an innovative type of program and, therefore, conceivably a part of the agency which would be putting in Headstart programs in areas like this area.

Chairman PERKINS. Is it not your best judgment that the OEO should remain independent presently in order to handle programs like Headstart more effectively and so all the youngsters throughout the country could take advantage of them? Am I stating your position there? You have me puzzled a little.

Just how innovative is it?

Mr. MARSHALL. I said in most areas of the country that I know of now this is a fully accepted program. There is no political pressure to eliminate it, in most areas.

Chairman PERKINS. There are areas where it is not.

Mr. MARSHALL. What I am saying is—

Chairman PERKINS. It is entirely dependent upon OEO. In those areas where it is entirely dependent upon OEO, do you still feel that we should transfer it to the Office of Education?

Mr. QUIE. Are you assuming the Office of Education is in league with the rednecks in Mississippi?

Chairman PERKINS. That was not my question.

Mr. GOODELL. You are setting up a strawman.

Chairman PERKINS. I just want to know to what extent the gentleman believes this innovative thrust is important to its success. He says the OEO was an innovative agency that got Headstart off the ground and there are still certain areas in this country where we would not have a Headstart program.

Mr. GIBBONS. Would the gentleman yield?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes; I yield.

Mr. GIBBONS. To show how innovative it is, the first eight programs were vetoed by a Republican Governor of the State of Florida.

Mr. QUIE. You don't think he could veto one from the State of Florida?

Mr. GOODELL. In permitting a Governor to veto, you can permit him to veto from the Office of Economic Opportunity as well as you could from the Office of Education.

The assumption in the chairman's question is unfair.

Chairman PERKINS. Until the program of Headstart is off the ground and becomes accepted through the country—I am talking about all areas of the country and all sections—you would recommend that it remain in OEO?

Mr. GOODELL. He did not say that.

Mr. MARSHALL. Headstart is a particularly confusing example, sir, because already the Office of Education is conducting Headstart-type programs out of the—

Chairman PERKINS. But you still give OEO credit for inaugurating the program?