

feel we should keep on experimenting. It is quite possible that the residential skill centers would be just what certain kinds of youngsters need whereas others might need the Job Corps type of approach.

I think we can only find this out by experimenting.

Mr. STEIGER. The Industry Youth Corps as proposed in the Opportunity Crusade as you know is not involved with the Job Corps. It is not a replacement for the Job Corps in any sense of the word. It is a totally different type of organization, just to clarify that in your mind and for the record.

Another of the ideas that is proposed in the Opportunity Crusade is the Council of Economic Opportunity Advisers. I wonder if you feel that this might be valuable both in promoting coordination and policymaking at the level of President?

Mrs. BENSON. Yes; I think we think it is a very good idea. I will have to confess that it is not clear to me what is the difference between the Council of Economic Opportunity as the Opportunity Crusade proposes it and that which already exists and which is strengthened by the administration bill.

I went over both of them again last night and I am not sure what the difference is but in any case the functions as outlined by the Opportunity Crusade for this Council we approve of highly.

We would not like to see it substituted for the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Mr. STEIGER. I think the basic substantive difference between the two is the fact the existing Council is related to the programmatic operations of the agencies involved.

The Council for Economic Opportunity Advisers is envisaged as an organization totally separate with three full-time men which is again a difference from the present operations of a part-time, once-a-month, sometime twice-a-month, meeting.

I think this is one of the real difficulties and is why I think the Council of Economic Opportunity Advisers with a full-time staff and full-time people would make some sense in doing a better job.

Mrs. BENSON. It is quite possible as you outline this would be a stronger way to do it. We would support this. We think that the functions as we understand them are important functions and these functions are necessary.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, Mr. Benson, very much.

I have no further questions.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HAWKINS. May I ask whether any of the leagues in the State of California have participated in the recommendations you have made?

Mrs. BENSON. Yes; vast numbers have. We have many reports from California.

Mr. HAWKINS. Have all of the leagues in all of the States participated?

Mrs. BENSON. I would have to check our statistics, but I cannot think of any State offhand from which we have not heard. I think we have heard from all of them.

Mr. HAWKINS. Generally speaking, this does represent the league on a national basis?

Mrs. BENSON. Yes, it does.