

are thinking, so that you can help us, in seeking to create whatever legislation can best serve the problem. Thanks again.

Mrs. BENSON. Thank you.

Mr. HAWKINS. Mrs. Benson, so there will be no misunderstanding as far as the record is concerned, may I again ask you whether or not both proposals, H.R. 8311, as well as H.R. 10682 the so-called Opportunity Crusade, were put before the various leagues throughout the country, they had an opportunity to thoroughly analyze both proposals, and that you are appearing here today in behalf of H.R. 8311 as what you consider to be the proper approach to incorporate the ideas of the national league as well as the individual league members?

Mrs. BENSON. Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is true, but I should perhaps explain that a little bit. I know that it is not true that every single league member or even every single local league has examined both of the bills in detail. They have examined an analysis of the administration bill, and a temporary analysis, ahead of time, of the Opportunity Crusade, because at the time that we did this, the Opportunity Crusade was not in print as yet, but as I said earlier, in talking with the minority, we had been able to find out the essential details, and they were aware of the essential details, but not some of the fine points in the bill.

Many of them are aware of it on their own.

Mr. HAWKINS. Generally speaking, this is the opportunity that the members have had, but unfortunately some of us haven't had much of an opportunity to hear witnesses in behalf of 10682, either, because we haven't had too many to appear before the committee.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Would the chairman yield?

Mr. HAWKINS. Yes, I will yield.

Mr. DELLENBACK. To be sure of this, is my recollection accurate that the league has been doing some thinking and studying and meeting together on this for a number of months?

Mrs. BENSON. Well, for quite a long while. You mean overall, on the whole problem? Since 1964?

Mr. DELLENBACK. But also, within the last year, you have been—

Mrs. BENSON. Concentrating on it. Oh, yes.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Concentrating on it.

Mrs. BENSON. For the last year. Oh, yes; very much so.

Mr. DELLENBACK. So that much of the study of the committees of individual leagues goes back many, many months?

Mrs. BENSON. Yes, and it is going on constantly.

Mr. DELLENBACK. And it is true also that H.R. 10682 has been in existence for a very limited period of time.

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Mrs. BENSON. Yes. That is right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. In this form, and so therefore as to comparison between the OEO and H.R. 10682, really, they have not had anywhere nearly the same chance to delve, try as the national office will, to get out the major features to the various component leagues, they haven't really had a chance to study H.R. 10682 over the course of many, many months.