

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 9:55 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee), presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Green, Meeds, Quie, Goodell, Bell, Erlenborn, and Dellenback.

Also present: H. D. Reed, Jr., general counsel; Robert E. McCord, senior specialist; Louise Maxienne 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 be in order. A quorum is present. Let me first welcome you here this morning, Mr. Rockefeller. I am delighted that you are my neighbor. I feel that you are a neighbor because our chief television station in the area is WSAZ-TV which serves your area and likewise serves the area which I am privileged to represent. We have many problems in common in our two States.

I am glad to welcome you here today. I would appreciate your giving the committee your views. Especially I am interested in your viewpoint as to the present operation of the local Community Action programs.

I am especially interested in knowing your reaction to the proposals now before the committee, whether you feel that OEO should be retained in the Office of Economic Opportunity as presently constituted or whether you feel that the Office of Economic Opportunity should be transferred as proposed in the so-called Opportunity Crusade as a part of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

I understand you have made a study in this area. Will you give us your views? We are delighted to welcome you. Go ahead.

STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN ROCKEFELLER, MEMBER OF THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE, CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Thank you, sir. If I may I would like to impose a severe limitation on myself. I have not been a statewide worker, poverty worker, and I have not been involved statewide in the poverty program.