

Does this indicate a lack of support for the present efforts to amend the programs and as contained in H.R. 8311 or does it also indicate perhaps an indifference or a lack of knowledge of H.R. 10682, the so-called opportunity crusade that several members of this committee have introduced?

Has the organization, in other words, had the opportunity to specifically direct its attention to any of the pending bills?

Mrs. OLIVAREZ. Yes, we have. Mr. Maley is on our legislative committee of NACD. Perhaps he can elaborate on this. I think we are here testifying, our testimony reflects the opinions of our membership throughout the country.

Mr. HAWKINS. You have in the statement indicated support of certain concepts. My question goes to the heart of the matter: that is, whether or not one of the other bills actually incorporates these concepts and which one does the best to this extent?

Mr. MALEY. Congressman, as we in the legislative committee have reviewed the proposed legislation, No. 1, we are very pleased to see that both parties propose to continue the war on poverty.

There are some features of each that might appear to be desirable. So we felt that it was best to address ourselves simply to matters that we thought should be embodied in the legislation that is finally adopted, whoever's bill is adopted, rather than to try to tell you that you ought to adopt this bill or that bill.

Mr. HAWKINS. There is a distinction, however, and I hope you will not be misled by this particular bill, that it indicates a great support and continuation of the war on poverty in the Congress. Nor do I hope that you will be misled by the title of some of these bills.

Directing ourselves then to the concepts, do I understand that you strongly support the coordinated approach and oppose any further effort to return the various programs to existing agencies in sections?

Mrs. OLIVAREZ. Very definitely we do. We are very much in favor of the coordinated approach as we have seen it in the last 2 or 3 years.

Mr. HAWKINS. Have you had any opportunity to actually review the bill H.R. 1068 as to whether or not this bill retains that coordination or whether it would under any other name achieve that coordination which is now recognized and indorsed in the current program?

Mrs. OLIVAREZ. I frankly state I can't see how we can have any kind of coordination by spinning off or dismantling OEO and placing these programs in other agencies.

If I may be very blunt, even with the Department of Labor, BES won't talk to BAIT. They can't get together on the time of the day, how can they possibly coordinate any programs at the Federal or regional level?

That is just one of the departments. Have you questioned the cabinet members as to their ability to be able to absorb some of the additional administrative duties? Three, has anybody studied the cost of dismantling OEO?

Then I would ask the very basic question, what happens to our investment? What happens to all the money we have poured into establishing OEO? Don't forget that it is still under the executive office. So if they don't have the club what makes you think that a diffused program is going to have any club and who is going to do the coordination?