

this is what you favor on the local level so far as coordination is concerned?

Mr. MALEY. That is right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Have you read H.R. 8311 and H.R. 10682?

Mr. MALEY. I don't know that I have read H.R. 8311 as carefully as I have read the other one.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You have read H.R. 10682?

Mr. MALEY. Yes.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You are of course aware that all this type of coordination would be continued under the H.R. 10682 concept? None of this is destroyed at all?

Mr. MALEY. In what way? Maybe I did not read it right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. The community action program concept of the coordination of the type you are talking about is not interfered with at all in the programs as advanced under H.R. 10682. The community action program, community action agencies, these are if anything strengthened.

They go forward in at least as good condition as they are at the present time under H.R. 10682's proposals.

Mr. MALEY. May I comment on this?

Mr. DELLENBACK. Yes, please.

Mr. MALEY. It is one thing to say that a community action agency will continue within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare but speaking from my experience at the local level it is quite another thing I think to make it work if you do that.

Mr. DELLENBACK. At the moment we are not talking about coordination at the Federal level. I am talking about coordination at the local level.

Mr. MALEY. So am I.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You are indicating whether OEO or whether HEW is involved at the Federal level somehow this would interfere with the coordination at the local level?

Mr. MALEY. If I understand the bill—and I have read it—it says that the community action agencies would become a part of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Now we are in one position of being under the administrative branch and an independent group answering directly to the board of directors at the local level now.

I think it would be quite another thing if we were a member of or employees of a Federal agency trying to get other Federal agencies to coordinate with us.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I think that this is a misconception of H.R. 10682 on which we all ought to be disabused. This does not embrace the change that I think you fear that would involve people on the local level becoming Federal employees if, in fact, they are not Federal employees at the present time.

There are other people who are obviously Federal employees. There are people like Mrs. Olivarez who are involved in the national council and have been acting as State directors and who have been OEO people.

But so far as a change in employment of people on the local level, this is not contemplated under H.R. 10682 if it is not already the situation under H.R. 8311.