

Mr. DELLENBACK. Also that you were or are on the National Advisory Council for OEO?

Mrs. OLIVAREZ. I was until the Prouty amendment.

Mr. DELLENBACK. So your background, and this has strengths and weaknesses to it, but your background is deeply involved with OEO.

Mrs. OLIVAREZ. My background has been deep involvement with the poor for the last 18 years.

Mr. DELLENBACK. So far as the Office of Economic Opportunity is concerned you have also been closely working with it?

Mrs. OLIVAREZ. Yes. I have not always but I have worked with it.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Quie.

Mr. QUIE. I have no questions.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Steiger, do you have any questions?

Mr. STEIGER. No questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much for your appearance this morning. We appreciate your coming.

Mrs. OLIVAREZ. Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Our next witness is Mr. D. M. McElroy, president, Board of Director, Lubbock Community Action Committee, Lubbock, Tex.

I notice, Mr. McElroy that you have several other people here. I think Congressman Mahon, the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, would have liked to be here but he is at this time at a meeting so it is impossible for him to be here.

So we are delighted to welcome you here. I will act in his stead in welcoming you here. Likewise on this panel we have Mr. Donald Flanders, secretary-treasurer of the Economic Opportunity Commission of Fond du Lac, Wis. Ben Day, president of the Board of Directors of Jackson County Community Action Council, Inc., Medford, Oreg.; Mrs. Annie Lee Small, director, Action, Inc., Athens, Ga., and from my home State, home district, Mr. Jim Templeton, director, Northeast Community Action Committee, Olive Hill, Ky.

I understand this is a panel of perhaps experts on rural poverty. I am delighted to welcome all of you here. Come around and get your seats at the table. I think for the convenience of the committee and in order to conserve time today that Mr. Day is going to serve as the chairman of the panel.

All of you may make your prepared statement before we interrogate each of you. Then we can address questions to any of you we prefer. We will hear from you first, Mr. McElroy, since I introduced you first and then Mr. Day may take charge of the panel.

When we come to Mr. Day the speaker—

Mr. HAWKINS. I think Mr. Quie and Mr. Goodell have reserved witnesses. May I ask when are these reserved witnesses going to appear or whether or not they intend to take advantage of these hearings to present their witnesses?

Mr. QUIE. We have six already.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead, Mr. McElroy.