

has been through the trials. It has become pretty rich in experience and actually we are all striving for the same thing regardless of what piece of legislation we support or what method we choose to approach the problem. That is the elimination of poverty.

But an agency with 3 years' experience and the benefit of its trials and errors that it has already had seems to me should be more efficient in this area than another agency given a new assignment.

One thing, I believe, important particularly in this, is the continuation of the OEO because it has become a symbol to the poor of a hope for the future.

I think the elimination of OEO would be demoralizing to the personnel that we have employed in our CAP agencies; having the lines of communication already established, new ones would have to be developed with other agencies.

I would like to see the OEO continued as it is and I would like to see the Congress be a little more expedient in the appropriation for this program. Too frequently the appropriations are passed so that late in the year that the program should have been started 3 or 4 months beforehand.

This has been particularly true in Headstart programs. Sometimes the year is half over before we know what funds are available.

Now there might be some circumstances where a change from OEO might be palatable to some but I think it will be disappointing to those whom the original OEO Act of 1964 was designed to benefit. Mr. Chairman, that is the extent of the remarks that I have to make.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. McElroy. I am going to call on Mr. Dellenback at this time to introduce Mr. Day.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am delighted to say for the record that Mr. Ben Day is from my home State, the city of Medford, Oreg. He is a man whom I have had contact with for a great many years as we practiced law together and against each other on occasion.

We look upon Mr. Day as one of the leading citizens of this community. He is a former State senator from the county in which we both live. He is a very respected member of the bar.

He has done a great deal in connection with community action work in our area. I feel that the community owes him a great deal for what he has done in this regard. He is a very competent man and we are delighted to have him with us today. Ben, welcome.

Mr. DAY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Did I hear you correctly you want me to introduce the other members of the panel to give their statement?

Chairman PERKINS. Except Mr. Steiger will introduce Mr. Donald Flanders. I will introduce Mr. Jim Templeton, myself.

Mr. DELLENBACK. We have pretty well cut your role down.

Mr. DAY. Would you like me to give my presentation?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes.

Mr. DAY. Mr. Chairman and members of the House Committee on Education and Labor, my name is Ben Day. I practice law in Medford, Oreg.—

Chairman PERKINS. What I intended awhile ago would be to address questions to you as chairman of the panel and then if any other members wanted to answer you could so indicate.