

It is a pleasure and a very great privilege to have Donald Flanders of Fond du Lac County, secretary-treasurer of Fond du Lac Area Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc. before this committee. Having worked with Don in a number of capacities, in his role as an officer of the board for the Fond du Lac Committee and in his role as executive secretary for the Fond du Lac County Board, I know that he comes well prepared and well versed to discuss the operations and goals of the Fond du Lac Economic Opportunity Committee.

This is a group with which I have worked very closely in order to better assess how well we are doing. I can say with some pride that the Committee in Fond du Lac County has done an outstanding job. I think this is due to many factors not the least of which is the terrific job done by Mrs. Rosalie Tryon who is the executive director for the committee, and the board that works closely with her. They are dedicated, hardworking, honest, and extremely willing to give up their own time in an effort to motivate and assess the resources of the community to find out what can be done and what is not being done.

Don Flanders is one of those who has worked the longest and hardest at this as a member of the board. I think the committee can benefit from the whole panel because they are talking about the operation of OEO at the local level and I think we can learn more from that than we can from almost any other single group of witnesses.

Don Flanders' testimony I know will be both pertinent and relevant in explaining the role the committee plays in Fond du Lac and his ideas and views of his board as to what should and should not be done as we look ahead.

It is a pleasure to have you here, Don.

**STATEMENT OF DONALD FLANDERS, SECRETARY-TREASURER,
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Mr. FLANDERS. I appreciate the great confidence you have in me, Congressman. I wish to express my appreciation to you, Chairman Perkins and the House Education and Labor Committee for the opportunity to take part in this panel. Your interest in the activities of the community action program is heartening to say the least.

I would like to make a matter of record that our agency under the able and thorough leadership of Mrs. Rosalie Tryon has been afire with enthusiasm in being innovative and not yet duplicative. Mrs. Tryon has been called on by the leadership of the Chicago regional office and the State of Wisconsin Office of Economic Opportunity to assist new directors being organized for the best economic uplift of the people to be served.

Our agency has gained the confidence of those needing our services and the services of other old-line agencies to the point where the rapport is constantly upgrading our services as a result of the elimination of the communication barrier which exists elsewhere.

I would like to tell a little bit about our birthday party which we had for our Community Action Agency in June. We were funded on May 29, 1966, and celebrated our birthday, I think it was on June 13, 1967. At our meeting there were representatives of the "Day Care Mothers," of the "Headstart Mothers," of the "Senior Citizens," who