

Mr. FLANDERS. I am not too familiar with other Federal agencies, but I will say that we filed our—

Mr. QUIE. I would like to find out also, since Mr. Day said nobody votes for them, how your community action boards are selected. Could we go down the line, tell the number in your community action board, the number that are representative of the poor and how they were selected.

Could we begin with Mr. Templeton?

Mr. TEMPLETON. I am sorry, Congressman. Would you repeat that question? I was wanting to answer you on something else in defense of OEO and its administration as well as this, if I may do that.

Mr. QUIE. I will repeat the question.

No. 1, how many people serve on the community action board, how many are representative of the poor and how are the representatives of the poor selected?

Mr. TEMPLETON. We have 36 on our governing board for the six counties. We have one-third who represent the poverty people on the board. I would say there are others on that board who fall under at least the OEO guidelines of poor, even though they were not elected representing the poor on the board, some other category.

We hold prior to the annual meeting what we call a primary in each county. We go to the little radio stations and weekly newspaper through our community clubs within the county and we promote a certain night and we have people to haul down the target group.

Usually this is held in the courthouse. This is the largest facility we have in the county. We get up and we tell the people, now you are to elect your representatives which will be two from each county to represent you for the next year on the Northeast Kentucky Area Development Council Board, Community Action Board.

After we have explained and they have asked questions, we move out and ask someone to take over from their group. Then they proceed with the selection to represent them on the board. We usually stand in the back and we list down every word that is said, so sometimes you don't wind up with really a target disadvantaged person representing them.

Mr. QUIE. You accept the two people that they elect at the meeting?

Mr. TEMPLETON. Absolutely.

Mr. QUIE. Go ahead, Mrs. Small.

Mrs. SMALL. We have active county community action committees that are set up by bylaws, Action, Inc., in Athens, in each of the six counties. Our membership in the community action committees are chosen five from each of the eight existing agencies, such as five from the county commissioners, five from the department of health, five from the board of education. Then those to be served by the program in each of the outlying communities in our county elect their own.

This complies with the one-third according to the OEO guidelines. Then each county action committee elects nine members to serve on the board. The executive committee of that board is composed of 13, the officers which the board elects, plus one-third of the total board from the poverty group, economically depressed group. So it is truly a representative group.