

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. HAWKINS. No, I have no questions. I want to commend the witnesses. I think they have been excellent and I think they have certainly brought out things which would be well to consider in this proposal. I hope they would not go away with the idea that sweet talk of our Republican colleague means that they are going to actually give someone anything. I think they should take the opportunity to read this bill because the more they read this bill the more they will understand that this sweet talk of our Republican friends just isn't what it sounds like at all.

I certainly hope that we will be able to retain such individuals as Dr. George, and certainly to have the continuing interest of our very good friend, Dr. Perlmutter. We certainly have been delighted and I am glad we stuck around so long today.

Chairman PERKINS. In general, Dr. George and Dr. Perlmutter, you are acquainted with the operation of the Job Corps, and just assume that the Job Corps was cut back \$105 million as proposed in the Opportunity Crusade for the next fiscal year. What in your judgment would be the repercussions?

Dean PERLMUTTER. You mean to comment?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes.

Dean PERLMUTTER. On the reduction of \$105 million in the present operation?

Chairman PERKINS. Yes, sir.

Dean PERLMUTTER. I think we would have to close a great many centers. That is clearly evident. More important than closing centers, I think we would lose some of our best people who would feel that the program does not have the confidence of the Federal Government. These are people who are making clear decisions. I think we would be saddled with a large group of lame ducks. I think this would be a terribly discouraging thing with respect to the young people who look to these Job Corps.

Chairman PERKINS. Psychologically?

Dean PERLMUTTER. Psychologically this would be a crippling blow. I think it would be a most unkind and uncharitable thing to do and a most imprudent thing from an educational point of view because I think at one point the educational community might rise up on this.

Chairman PERKINS. You feel by and large that the educational community throughout the country is in favor of the Job Corps approach?

Dean PERLMUTTER. I must be honest with you, Mr. Perkins. I think at least the higher educational community with which I am most familiar has very little knowledge of the Job Corps. What it does know is what it gleaned from some pretty bad journalistic accounts and you read of some police incident down in Texas and that makes the headlines. They know very little, my own faculty, and I have many times told them of my involvement and they come back many times over and say, the "Job Corps? What is that?" These are very sophisticated people. The Job Corps has not made the impact on the public that the Headstart and the Peace Corps have.

Dr. GEORGE. You will know why? Because little children in Headstart don't get drunk and they don't ever now and then have an ille-