

We have a way of responding to these crises instead of anticipating them.

I think here is a chance for the Congress of the United States, for both parties, to join forces. If there is something wrong in the poverty program, let's clean it up.

I also suggested to the President today that he call a summit meeting of Mr. Weaver, Mr. Wirtz, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Howe, and Mr. Shriver, this committee, the House Banking Committee, the Appropriations Committee of the Senate to take a look at this whole program and let's get the redtape out of the way.

A lot of these bureaucrats around here are sitting on requests, crossing every t and dotting every i. We have programs, there are formulas in America. This poverty program has done a great deal already.

It seems to me if we move these things forward and move into these cities, if nothing else the hot summer of 1967 has demonstrated to me that we can no longer wait. People living in the ghettos see on television the good things of life. They see in the newspapers, they see in magazines the good things in life and then they go into their slums and their ghettos and it does not take much from agitators like Stokely Carmichael and the fellow in Cambridge yesterday. It does not take much to trigger people off.

People in these ghettos live under deplorable conditions 24 hours a day. So I say to you, Mr. Biemiller, your statement is one of the most significant to come before this committee and I hope the President and every Member of Congress will read it in the record and I hope we will respond and respond quickly and effectively.

For that reason I renew my earlier request. I think we ought to have round-the-clock hearings, get this bill cleaned up. If there are some shortcomings in it, correct them; and take this bill to the floor and show the people in these various areas that this country and this Government does care, that this Government is going to respond and eliminate the causes before we have any more eruptions.

It is significant to me that in many parts of the country where the poverty program has been working well, and there are many such parts in this country, we have not had disturbances. I think we can prove and it is our hopeful intention to get this information together. In those areas of the country where there has been effective leadership and effective programs with everybody working together, with the programs under our model cities moving into force, poverty moving into force, education moving into force, Job Corps, USES, job training where you have effective leadership where all of these have merged together, these programs have served as a stabilizer and have actually helped avoid much of the chaos we are seeing in the cities today.

I agree with you and I think now after 2½ years' experience the guidelines have been set, we know pretty well what we are doing, local communities know what they are doing, everybody has pretty much adjusted to the programs and for our good friend on the other side now to come along and completely overhaul this program would mean 2 or 3 more years of indecision, chaos, confusion.

I say you have a good program here right now and it is working. In your statement about Watts, Mr. Biemiller, you state, "Some of these kids were the looters, the burners, the kids who started the riot. Now they say to me, 'We don't want to do anything in this community