

Be it resolved that the General Board reaffirms its judgment that the OEO represents an essential spearhead in the war on poverty and also urges councils of churches, denominations directly, and through them their local congregations, and religious agencies to support a substantial supplementary (1966-67) federal appropriation for the Office of Economic Opportunity and a full funding of this agency for 1967-68 at no less than 2.1 billion dollars in keeping with the request of the administration of the United States Government.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead, Mr. Gurney.

Mr. GURNEY. Dr. Douglass is here.

Chairman PERKINS. Dr. Paul Douglass is from Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla. I will call on my colleague Mr. Gurney to introduce Dr. Douglass.

Mr. GURNEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It gives me a good deal of pleasure to welcome Dr. Douglass here. We reside in the same community, we have been good friends for a long time, and even though we are on opposite sides of the political fence. He is one of our most distinguished citizens in Florida.

Presently, Dr. Douglass is professor of government and political science at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

His career has been a very distinguished one. He served in the Legislature of Vermont for several terms both in the house and senate.

Dr. Douglass was with the American University here in Washington for 12 years and president of that university.

He was an adviser to Syngman Rhee, the President of the Republic of South Korea, in 1963.

More recently, to indicate the respect in which he is held in Florida and the sort of things he does, he was on a special committee appointed by the speaker of the house of Florida and the senate to draft a code of ethics for the legislature. This code passed just a few days ago down in Florida.

He is noted author, lecturer, educator. He has written 25 or 26 books which have been published and last but not least, he is a Democrat precinct committeeman and I think it is in my own precinct in Winter Park, Fla., so we have a good working knowledge of each other and I have tremendous respect for him.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me interrupt to compliment you for bringing before the committee such a distinguished witness.

Mr. GURNEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I thought Dr. Douglass might be very helpful toward our deliberations this year. Part of the job that the Center for Practical Politics does at Rollins College is to make studies in depth about political and governmental problems in Florida and the one which has been done most recently, published just a few days ago, has been a study of how the Economic Opportunity program has worked in our home county of Orange in Florida, and that is why I asked him here.

I thought he could help us in our deliberations this year. I believe Dr. Douglass has a prepared statement he would like to read at this time and then I am sure the committee would like to question him.

Mr. GIBBONS. Before Dr. Douglass proceeds may I say he is a friend of mine, and he is a fine man.