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Dr. DOUGLASS. May I say, Congressman Gurney and Congressman Gibbons are on different sides and I worked for both and there was no greater pride I ever had than to see Sam Gibbons was elected to Congress and we don't want him to stop there.

Chairman PERKINS. We are delighted to have both of these distinguished gentlemen from Florida, and I think your State is to be complimented for sending them here.

Dr. DOUGLASS. I have a prepared statement which I ask be inserted in the record.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection, it will be inserted in it.
(Statement of Paul F. Douglass follows:)

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My name is Paul F. Douglass. I am professor of government and director, Center for Practical Politics, Rollins College, the oldest senior institution of higher learning in the State of Florida. I am a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and the bar of the United States Supreme Court. I am active in the local government section of the American Bar Association.

Our area of Central Florida is the fast-growing metropolitan hub of the region of East Central Florida which reaches from lakes and citrus groves eastward to the Atlantic Ocean and to the space age operations located at Cape Kennedy.

As a citizen I am a member of the Orange County Democratic Executive Committee, elected from the silk-stocking Precinct 63 in Winter Park. My experience with Economic Opportunity comes from (1) my membership on the board of directors of the Orange County Economic Opportunity, Inc., (2) my chairmanship of the program committee of Orange County Economic Opportunity, Inc., (3) a Saturday afternoon class which I have conducted for two years for some forty Negro ministers in church administration, (4) my long record of association with civil rights efforts, (5) and my participation in Voter Registration campaigns and direction of citizenship training programs, based on my book *How to Be An Active Citizen*, for Negro groups as well as civic and political associations throughout the South. I may say that I was active in working with the underprivileged long before it was a popular status symbol.

My membership on the board of directors of Orange County Economic Opportunity, Inc., result from my election at the annual meeting of interested citizens. I may say in passing that I received the highest number of votes in the election.

During this year, I have served on a lay committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Florida Legislature—as member and draftsman—to prepare a code of ethics first for the Legislature and then for the general administration. I should say in passing that both the House and Senate adopted our recommendations as a part of their rules and the Legislature enacted our bill. As a result, the State of Florida has for the first time standards of ethics formally adopted.

Our *Center for Practical Politics* is supported by Rollins College, and not by foundation grants. From time to time we undertake assignments from public and private bodies which we believe worthwhile. In our general operation we make continuing studies of various issues which concern the public welfare. For nine years we have conducted over the ABC Orlando—(WFTV)—a television program called *Pro & Con*. This is an award-winning performance. We were the first telecast in the South to discuss without fear, favor, or censored control the most controversial issues of our times.

For a more than a year, we have been studying Economic Opportunity as it works in our community. We have enjoyed the close association with the local office in Orlando and the regional office in Atlanta. Our experience with the personnel of the regional office has been rewarding. The staff has been competent, cooperative, constructive, and fair.