

2900 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

Dr. DOUGLASS. I have a detailed report on how Economic Opportunity works in Orange County which I would like to submit for the committee.

Likewise, I have a resolution from Orange County to Sargent Shriver. The resolution says they are not pockets of poverty and such a label interferes with their real estate values, and so forth.

Chairman PERKINS. Without objection, the resolution will be placed in the record at this point.

(The resolution follows:)

RESOLUTION, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ORANGE COUNTY, FLA.

Whereas some fifteen areas of Orange County, Florida, have been declared to be economically depressed areas by the Office of Economic Opportunity apparently upon the basis of a study made by the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, California several years ago; and

Whereas the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, is of the opinion that some of these areas do not constitute poverty pockets or economically depressed areas within the federal guidelines as explained in various pamphlets and information sheets obtained from the Office of Economic Opportunity nor do they constitute poverty pockets in the usually accepted sense of the word "poverty"; and

Whereas one area known as "Tangelo Park" has many attractive homes some of which are owned by people who work at local defense plants; and

Whereas considerable resentment has been expressed by people in Tangelo Park because of what they feel is an improper and unjustified designation of their area: now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

1. That the Office of Economic Opportunity be hereby requested to make such surveys and studies as may be necessary to carefully identify any poverty pockets in Orange County, Florida, and to remove the designation of poverty pockets or economically depressed areas from areas which are, in fact, not economically depressed.

2. That the labelling of an area as a poverty pocket when it is not constitutes a damaging allegation about an area which results in the depreciation of property values in the area due to the label and is unfair to people living in the area who are using every means possible to raise their standard of living, maintain economic independence, and have their pride in keeping their area an attractive place to live.

STATE OF FLORIDA, *County of Orange:*

I, ARTHUR W. NEWELL, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the above named County and State, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution as adopted by the said Board at its meeting held on July 17, 1967, as same appears of record in Commissioner's Book No. 43.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said Board, at Orlando, Orange County, Florida, this the 21st day of July A.D., 1967.

ARTHUR W. NEWELL, *Clerk.*
By D. S. BANNER, *Deputy Clerk.*

Dr. DOUGLASS. I was going to talk about the controversies but they do not go to the root of the things I was going to deal with so I would like to say a word from the standpoint of the person who is involved in local government.

I happen to be chairman of the program committee of our Orange County Economic Opportunity, Inc., and I deal with these people.

I think I should say on the record that the president of our Orange County Economic Opportunity, Inc., says if there is anything the matter with the program I am to blame for it.