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operate. I would strengthen the program, increase its financing and locate it in established departments, because our object is to get people jobs and give them training to fit those jobs and constantly upgrade them.

Mr. QUIE. Those are all the questions I have, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Are there any further questions?

Mr. Hawkins?

Mr. HAWKINS. I would like to know more about the Orange County Economic Opportunity Agency. By whom was this agency created?

Dr. DOUGLASS. This was created by a State charter as a nonprofit corporation.

Mr. HAWKINS. Who were the original incorporators?

Dr. DOUGLASS. The original incorporators were a group from the Governor Patronage Committee.

Mr. HAWKINS. Did he name these persons for the county?

Dr. DOUGLASS. No; they were already well known and they served.

Mr. HAWKINS. Served in what capacity?

Dr. DOUGLASS. As his patronage committee and election community committee.

Mr. HAWKINS. Does the county have a city council?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes, sir.

Mr. HAWKINS. Did you have a council of commissioners?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes.

Mr. HAWKINS. Why didn't one of these groups initiate some action?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Some political vacuum had to be fulfilled and I give this group credit for going ahead and acting.

Mr. HAWKINS. They acted then?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes.

Mr. HAWKINS. Do you have professional organizations within the county, such as school boards and so forth?

Dr. DOUGLASS. The school board had already acted and was in operation.

Mr. HAWKINS. Did any of the professional groups you suggested be on the board initiate any action?

Dr. DOUGLASS. No, sir; not to my knowledge.

Mr. HAWKINS. You say that this group consists of how many directors?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Under the bylaws, 41.

Mr. HAWKINS. And you are a member or one of the directors?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes, sir.

Mr. HAWKINS. And chairman of the program committee?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes, sir.

Mr. HAWKINS. And you were elected to the chairmanship of this group?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes; and I might say offhand I got the highest vote.

Mr. HAWKINS. Would you say it was a good group for having elected you or is a bad group or what?

Dr. DOUGLASS. All I can say is that that is statistics. As a matter of fact, I didn't campaign. It is a job I didn't want. I did it as a civic duty and I don't know who would want it.

Mr. HAWKINS. It recognized your ability to the extent they elected you.