

Dr. DOUGLASS. No; I think they would like to have pinned any failure of the program onto me politically. I think that is the motivation of it. I don't think it was high regard or respect. All I know is I got the most votes.

Mr. HAWKINS. How do you consider the vote that you got? Do you think that a high percentage of the folks got together and they decided they wanted to pin something on you?

Dr. DOUGLASS. No, sir. The folks at the annual meeting thought I would help make the thing work.

Mr. HAWKINS. Have you tried?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Yes, sir. Our program committee has met every month. Our minutes are voluminous. We have reviewed every one of those programs.

Mr. HAWKINS. Have you filed any complaints?

Dr. DOUGLASS. Our report is read by anyone.

Mr. HAWKINS. Heretofore have you filed any complaints about the operations of the program with anyone? To whom have you complained?

Dr. DOUGLASS. I was chairman of the program committee. I tried to bring these things in and make them work. There was nobody to complain to except at the board meetings.

Mr. HAWKINS. To whom did you complain?

Dr. DOUGLASS. To the board. I was not around to make complaints. I didn't even ask myself to be invited here.

Mr. HAWKINS. I assume someone invited you.

Dr. DOUGLASS. That's right. I am not making any complaint, Mr. Hawkins. I want to see the program work in the interest of the people who need jobs and need income.

Mr. HAWKINS. You would like to see it work by dissolving it?

Dr. DOUGLASS. No, sir. I would like to see it work better by establishing an agency in which there are considerably less political connotations.

Mr. HAWKINS. Are you confining your complaint to the Office of Economic Opportunity completely as it operates within the county that you happen to reside in?

Dr. DOUGLASS. That is all I am testifying on. I know other counties. I am not coming to make any complaint. I am coming as a citizen to say I think this program can work different through a different type of instrumentality in the interests of its purpose.

Mr. HAWKINS. We welcome you as a citizen and I enjoyed your testimony, but I am asking whether or not your experience is completely confined to Orange County, or are you suggesting that the program be modified on a national basis to fit the situation that has developed in Orange County, assuming what you say is—

Dr. DOUGLASS. No, sir. My knowledge of Orange County is intimate. As a political scientist, I do make some suggestions which I think would make it work better in the interest of the Nation.

Mr. HAWKINS. In another district, for instance in Los Angeles County, if the school system did not want a Headstart program and let's assume the people didn't want it, should they have that flexibility to have their Headstart placed where they want it as well as you would in Orange County would want it placed in the school system?

Dr. DOUGLASS. No, sir. I think the school system is the proper