

the patronage committee, which I assume is a patronage committee of the ex-Governor?

Dr. DOUGLASS. His continuing representatives; yes, sir.

Mr. HAWKINS. It seems to me that Orange County is in a terrible mess, not just OEO operations.

Dr. DOUGLASS. You are right.

Mr. HAWKINS. With that, I give up.

Dr. DOUGLASS. All I can say is this is one of the things we have been trying to straighten out as local citizens on the board.

Mr. HAWKINS. I think you have a lot of things to straighten out. I can see why OEO's operation in this type of county might be typical of some of the statements you made, but I disagree with you that it is the fault of OEO.

It seems to me that it is the fault of the people of the county that have gone to the extent of not democratically selecting their own representatives or certainly not operating in the efficient American manner that we like to think that a local government would operate.

Dr. DOUGLASS. If local politics operates in that clear-cut fashion, then my experience has been different from yours. It takes time for political situations to straighten themselves out.

Mr. HAWKINS. I don't think your experience in Orange County should cause you to testify before this committee that, because of that experience, this committee should modify its entire program.

Your statement indicates that we should not follow the pattern of Orange County.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Erlenborn?

Mr. ERLNBORN. I have no questions, sir.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much.

Our next panel of witnesses are Don Watson, director, Mahoning Valley Vocational School, Vienna, Ohio; P. W. Seagren, director, Lindsay Hopkins Vocational School, Miami, Fla.; and George Ramey, director, Mayo Vocational Technical School, Paintsville, Ky.

Let me welcome all of you gentlemen here. I know we are running way behind time. We regret the situation. We have to accommodate the members as best we can.

Go ahead and make your general statement and, Mr. Watson, we will hear from you first.

STATEMENT OF DON WATSON, DIRECTOR, TRUMBULL COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, VIENNA, OHIO

Mr. WATSON. Mr. Chairman, my name is Don E. Watson. I am director of the Trumbull County Vocational School, Vienna, Ohio. The purpose of this testimony is to point out the capabilities of the existing education structure and to consider the merits and potential of expanding this structure to the point of organizing, building, and operating a program designed to meet the training needs of disadvantaged youth in each individual State.

The existing educational structure under the capable leadership of the U.S. Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, has demonstrated an ability to accomplish such tasks effectively and economically.