

talked in terms of \$12 billion. A great, rich country like this ought to be willing to spend that if it means the rehabilitation of our population, so I don't think we are spending enough.

I don't think we are even asking for enough if we were to get the maximum that the bill calls for.

Chairman PERKINS. You feel that the Negro population of this country would not receive fair consideration if the OEO—Office of Economic Opportunity—

Mr. MITCHELL. Yes, sir. I would like to support that with this statement.

The Employment Service has been notorious for years. I don't know whether you remember Secretary Schwollenbach, when he was Secretary of Labor, but my first attempt to correct the conditions in the Employment Service was under Secretary Schwollenbach, and a few months ago I was in the same room where I had met with Secretary Schwollenbach meeting with some of the people there now trying to correct the same sort of situations that existed then.

If we talk about putting this in HEW, the HEW is under virulent attack because it has tried to move forward in enforcement of title VI. I would predict the same forces that have attacked HEW would also attack OEO functionings if they were put in HEW.

I would also think that being a sensible agency, HEW would try to protect its regular functions and in doing so would neglect the functions put into it from OEO.

As for the schools, the record is clear. This is 1967. The school desegregation decision was handed down in 1954. Those same people running the educational system of this country, who have done everything they can to promote racial segregation, and footdragging in the schools, cannot be entrusted with any kind of educational program that calls for innovation, imagination, and forwardlooking attitudes.

I would say it is a clear disaster for colored people in this country if there is any intention to put this program in the hands of those who have always been in favor of turning back the clock.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. Mitchell. We appreciate your appearance. You have been helpful to the committee.

The committee will recess until 9:30 a.m., tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 5 p.m., the committee recessed, to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 1967.)