

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 9:15 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Carl D. Perkins (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Perkins, Green, Quie, Goodell, and Scherle.

Also present: H. D. Reed, Jr., general counsel; Robert E. McCord, senior specialist; Louise Maxienné Dargans, research assistant; Benjamin Reeves, editor of committee publications; Austin Sullivan, investigator; Marian Wyman, special assistant; Charles W. Radcliffe, minority counsel for education; John Buckley, minority investigator; Dixie Barger, minority research assistant; and W. Phillips Rockefeller, minority research specialist.

Chairman PERKINS. A quorum is present, and the committee will come to order.

We have with us this morning Mary Jane Dunn. Come up and let me shake hands with you. I personally am very pleased and it is a great pleasure for me to welcome you here this morning, Mrs. Dunn. I am very proud of Breathitt County, Ky. It happens to be one of the few counties in the United States, if not the only county, that never required the services of a draft board during World War I and I go back there today and see so many of those old World War I veterans.

I think it is impossible to go through that county and up and down those creeks without running into these World War I veterans—there are so many of them—not drawing social security at all because they continued to reside on those little hillside farms, all through the years and made a living, as long as they were able to work; and in the meantime they became marginal farmers, and, with all this automation taking place in late years, those little hillside farms where they raised the crops have grown up, and are completely unprofitable today.

I am delighted to welcome you here. You come from a county and are representing a county with a very low capital income, and very low median family income, and if there is any area in the world that needs assistance it is a county like Breathitt County, Ky.

You do not have any areas in the Washington area with one-tenth the conditions compared with conditions existing in Breathitt County, Ky.

But it has patriotic people, and for that reason it is a great pleasure for me to welcome you here, and I certainly hope we will be able then in the future to do more than has been done in the past for the rural