

even though the Government has to subsidize them which would be small, \$500 or \$1,000, to winterize the home, put a decent roof over their heads.

There is nothing in this District of Columbia that will compare with some of these rural shacks that prevail in my district. I am just hopeful that our Government is not going to forget about these people because they are not rioting and rising up against the Government and all these things.

We have got to recognize the real needs of the people wherever they are, whether they are in a ghetto in the metropolitan area or in a rural area. It has been my point of view and I have found that I have long supported every piece of legislation to come before the Congress, to help the citizens, to promote the general welfare of the people in those areas, but I likewise feel that the time is long past due that we should do something about these poor people.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. Chairman, I want to offer this caution. I think you are going to have to make the language strong in order to get the administrative people to carry out what we have in mind.

Thank you very much.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you so much for your appearance. You have been most helpful.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. Chairman, may I just add this?

The proposal would amend the act to encourage the use of senior citizens as volunteers in administrative and advisory capacities. This would not be a mandatory requirement, but would rather be considered as a guideline for those directing the programs. The focus in this proposal would be on making use of the expertise and knowledge of senior citizens in administering programs.

There is an added benefit which will accrue from the increased use of senior citizens as volunteers. This is in the lowering of the costs of administering the programs. In an effort such as the Economic Opportunity Act which is specifically designed to eliminate poverty, we are especially conscious of the sums allocated to administer the programs.

The ideal is to use as much of the budget as possible for direct assistance to the poor themselves, and not siphon off large amounts for overhead. The use of volunteer help at the administrative level can prove to be of great value by securing talented persons with a commitment to the program, who are willing to contribute their time and energy without compensation.

I urge your consideration of these four amendments. I hope that they can be added to the proposal now before you. They will add to the effectiveness of the Economic Opportunity Act in its efforts to eliminate poverty.

Chairman PERKINS. Mr. Burkhart. Go ahead and identify yourself for the record.

Do you want to introduce the witness here, Mr. Goodell?

I am delighted to welcome you here, Mr. Burkhart.

I notice you are president of the College Life Insurance Co. of America, speaking for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. We are always glad to have able witnesses like yourself present.

Proceed.