

operator. He found something that he liked to do, and he loved it, and now he has found himself in society, and I think just saving this one child has been worth the whole program.

Chairman PERKINS. Do you have any other suggestions to offer the committee, Mayor Dawahare?

I personally want to welcome you. We will invite you back on some future occasion.

Mayor DAWAHARE. Yes, sir. On any short notice I will be glad to come back and answer any questions. I am well acquainted with all of our problems, and I certainly do thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mayor, for attending.

I am going to recess the committee for about 8 or 10 minutes to take a long-distance call, and I will be right back.

(A short recess was taken.)

Chairman PERKINS. The committee will come to order. A quorum is present.

Come around, Mr. Dawson.

We have with us this afternoon Commissioner Leslie Dawson of the Department of Economic Security.

I am delighted to welcome you here, Mr. Dawson. To my way of thinking, you are one of the outstanding commissioners in the whole country who has had a great responsibility down there in Kentucky at an early age in life.

I make that observation because the poor people certainly have benefited and all of the people in Kentucky who have made a contribution in making Kentucky a better place to live due to your stand on welfare, not only the people of Kentucky but the Nation.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you here.

I know that you have a prepared statement. Without objection, your prepared statement will be inserted in the record.

I notice you are accompanied by two assistants. What are their names?

Mr. DAWSON. Mr. Crittenden and Mr. Kelsey.

Chairman PERKINS. I am delighted to welcome both of you gentlemen here.

You proceed in any manner that you prefer. Underline the most important portions of your statement. I have some questions I would like to ask.

We seem to be under pressure here at the present time trying to wind up the hearings.

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER LESLIE DAWSON, KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY; ACCOMPANIED BY ROGER CRITTENDEN AND LEONARD KELSEY

Mr. DAWSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for those kind words.

Naturally, the success that any State administrator can have in any program dealing with poverty today depends largely upon whether it is attacked from a team standpoint or whether or not one attempts to do it on his own. If you try to do it on your own, obviously there is very little that can be accomplished.

Probably the big partner in the team, certainly from my agency standpoint, and my agency is one that has both the employment