

service and the public assistance operation under its jurisdiction—the big partner is the Federal Government.

The success that we have had with the programs has come largely from experiences that we have had in Kentucky as well as the benefit of guidance and advice from our counterparts and the experts in the Federal area. I cannot underestimate the fact that, contrary to what popular belief is, the advice and the help that we have received from the Federal Government, the Federal agencies, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Department of Labor specifically, and from the Office of Economic Opportunity, that this help outside of the momentary help has been extremely valuable in setting new courses and developing new ways to attempt to attack the problem of poverty.

I shall devote most of my comments this afternoon to title XIX and title V which is in operation in 19 eastern Kentucky counties and has been for the past two and a half years.

Chairman PERKINS. You are talking about title XIX of the Social Security Act which the State of Kentucky is taking advantage of?

Mr. DAWSON. I am speaking of title V.

Chairman PERKINS. Yes. Go ahead.

Mr. DAWSON. The 1966 amendments to title V bringing together the Department of Labor and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in this program didn't become effective until July 1 of this year, so I am not at this time qualified to make any comments on implementation of these 1966 amendments.

Chairman PERKINS. When did it become effective, March or April 1?

Mr. DAWSON. The contract on title V ends in December.

Chairman PERKINS. You will still be carrying on several programs under title V nearing fiscal 1968 during the next fiscal year; won't you?

Mr. DAWSON. Yes, sir; we certainly will.

Chairman PERKINS. I would be terribly disappointed if that were not the case.

Mr. DAWSON. Yes. It is my understanding that those will continue under essentially the same plan and the same jurisdiction.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mr. DAWSON. One of the important aspects, I think, of this program is what kind of success it has. We have shown in several instances that where a family receives approximately \$250 per month per family under the title V program, this income paid for family needs such as food, clothing, and other items.

To keep children in school and attending regularly has been a remarkable success.

These people are also eligible to take advantage of the food stamp program which has been a great deal of assistance in the Appalachian area and all over the State of Kentucky.

Chairman PERKINS. I want to agree with that statement.

Mr. DAWSON. The important thing, I think, at the present time relative to food stamps is that there be more education into the use of food stamps and that there be more education in the availability of the program for those who are interested.

Medical care was furnished to the participants in title V under title XIX of the Social Security Act and this has averaged approximately \$40 per family per month. In many instances, we feel like the title XIX program could have been taken advantage of to a greater