

Chairman PERKINS. How do you feel we can better serve this group in title V? For a while, we have not been able to take care of all the deserving ones under Nelsen-Scheuer.

We are trying at present to put them into MDTA and let the MDTA train them. That has not worked out to well.

I am just talking about the unsuitable ones. How do you feel that we should deal with those in the future?

You see what I am driving at?

Mr. DAWSON. Yes. I am not sure, Mr. Chairman, that we don't have the answers already, as such, but I think that it needs to be expanded, which I think is the most important thing.

Chairman PERKINS. Just give me what needs to be expanded.

Mr. DAWSON. I think that increased emphasis in the Nelsen-Scheuer area is important. I believe that we have found and have changed policies in such a manner that we can take care of those adequately who through health reasons or otherwise cannot successfully participate in these programs.

They may very well have been successfully able to sit in a classroom for a little while in order to meet the requirements of the title V area but on both sides of this thing, both on the Federal and state level, we have had to do things to adjust our policies to fit the situation.

I think properly classifying people so that those who have health problems can be put in proper programs, but addition to that I think that the biggest need of all is additional emphasis in the MDTA area.

At the present time, there are some 20,000 applications pending in the State of Kentucky for MDTA with only 3,000 people in training. Now, this laps over and takes into account Appalachia and the rest of them.

Chairman PERKINS. Now, with that brief background from a realistic viewpoint, isn't it going to be a long time before you reach the bottom of the ladder in the cases under title V? Many of them going into MDTA recently have not suitably adjusted themselves. Would it not be a long, long time before we will effectively reach the so-called hard core at the bottom of the ladder under MDTA?

Mr. DAWSON. There is no question about it. However, I am convinced that there are two things that have to be done in MDTA and maybe more, but at least from our standpoint the entrance standards in MDTA have to be lowered in some instances, courses set up at a lower educational level.

Chairman PERKINS. That is one of the problems now in Kentucky, that the courses have not been set up under the MDTA training programs at lower educational levels.

Mr. DAWSON. Yes, sir; that is exactly right.

Chairman PERKINS. That is bringing about a considerable dropout from the people who are taking MDTA courses, the hard core at the vocational schools?

Mr. DAWSON. Yes; it is. Now, of course, part of this can be cured by a continuation of the basic education plans. However, it does not answer the problem for that fellow who is in his middle forties who is rapidly approaching that so-called deadline to age running out on him as to when he is in a competitive situation for a job. For that reason, it is that basic group that the courses need to be geared to at the educational level that they are now at.