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assistance) submission" is unworkable and that this requirement should be eliminated.

We are pleased to note under Special Programs and Assistance, Section 222(a) (1), recognition of the fact that Project *Head Start* includes comprehensive health, nutritional, social and other services as well as educational services, and that it encourages the participation of parents of such children and promotes the effective use of parent services. In any extension of Head Start, such as the Head Start Followthrough, we feel it should embody the same philosophy and same services. We support continuation of the Head Start program under the auspices of OEO.

We support Part C—Supplemental Programs and Activities—Section 232, providing for research and pilot programs, but we recommend that the language be changed to provide that a minimum of 10% of the sums appropriated may be used for the purposes of research and pilot programs.

We are particularly pleased that the legislation recognizes and continues the Office of Economic Opportunity as the central agency waging the war against poverty.

We are in common agreement on these views and recommendations; the Catholic participants in the committee, however, wish to emphasize a special concern which is not shared by the Protestant and Jewish participants. The proposals before the committee in part will authorize family planning programs. The Catholic opposition to such program components has been presented to the Congress on several occasions before.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity of presenting the views of the Interreligious Committee Against Poverty to your committee.

Reverend SCHULZ. We would like to read a telegram which the Interreligious Committee Against Poverty has sent Mr. Johnson regarding the situation our country has been in the last several weeks.

Dear Mr. President: We deplore the rioting which has resulted in the loss of human life and the destruction of property. However, it is vital that our nation respond to the deeper causes as well as to the symptoms of this agonizing unrest. America must not be diverted from fulfilling its promise. We reaffirm the philosophy and sound principles embodied in the "Great Society" programs. We hold that the minimum economic goal of the United States must be adequate food, clothing, housing, medical care, education and social security for every individual and family.

We condemn not only the violence, but the economic and social conditions which are the seedbeds of violence. We recognize, as you have stated previously, that victory over poverty will take time, hard work, money, and perseverance. Poverty is a complex problem. There are no instant cures and no single set of remedies that can be a total answer.

However, let us begin now by strongly supporting and expanding the Economic Opportunity Act. Let us quickly pass other legislation now before the 90th Congress designed to ameliorate social and economic injustice. Let us seek full and adequate funding for these programs. Let us undertake immediate comprehensive action by government, with the assistance of the private sector, to move toward those goals which are desired by all compassionate and clear-thinking citizens. Let us dedicate ourselves to the creation of that equitable society which is the only real answer to social unrest and injustice.

Mr. QUIE. I thank you for reading that telegram into the record. The events that have occurred recently surely are in the minds of all Americans. Because of the concern that some of us have that in some way the desire to prevent rioting and the statements that are made on this seem to indict the entire Negro race. Congressman Goodell of New York and I prepared a statement today which I think it would be good to place in the record at this point:

We are gravely concerned over the events which are occurring across the nation. Screaming headlines daily relate details of riots, burning, looting and destruction. We are deeply distressed over the violence and destruction, as well as the tragic loss of life and the injuries sustained by thousands of our fellow citizens.