

Bar Association and the local bar associations to set up the program. They administered it throughout with the complete coordination and cooperation of an existing institution of which I am a member and which, if you choose, represents the establishment. No organization is more of the establishment than the American Bar Association and yet this program has been very effectively administered.

Mr. HAITHCOCK. I would like to conclude with the thanks and appreciation for the time you have given us and for your participation of your position on these matters.

Let us just not dismantle OEO yet.

Mr. GOODELL. Let's at least leave in good spirit, understanding the good intentions on both sides with reference to the proposals that are being made. Even if you can't buy the idea of eliminating OEO at this time, I hope you will give some support and attention to, and discuss some of the other innovative proposals we make in the opportunity crusade that are largely ignored because of major controversy on whether to eliminate OEO or not.

I thank you for your testimony. Your dialog has been most provocative and helpful to the committee.

Mr. QUIE. In listening to my colleague and his excellent questioning of the witnesses I think the exchange which has occurred here has been very fruitful.

I would like to make the point that it seems to me outside of the symbol that you are making a plea for that you recognize the need of community action involvement of the people who are to be helped by these programs.

I gather there is a strong desire to expand this to the \$30 billion the Government uses to help people in poverty outside of OEO. Of course, action in the future could affect that. I would like to have you think every way in which this transfer and this infecting of the existing agencies can occur. This is one of the main features that we have recommended this change to bring that about.

I see from last year and the apparent attitude this year that more and more programs would be earmarked giving less and less discretion to the local community and that if all the community action agencies have is enough money to hire staff, they are not going to be very effective as an organization and we would like to see them be much more than that. I think the real genius of the war on poverty has been this recognition that something has been lacking in these programs of the poor and that is the lack of involvement of the poor.

So Congressman Goodell and I have long been strong advocates of this as we have seen it function.

Reverend SCHULZ. We support this maximum feasible participation in our testimony.

Mr. QUIE. I hope you will look for ways that this can be included in other programs of the Federal Government.

I thank you for appearing before us and I hope we have not caused you to cancel any airplane reservations.

Our next witness is Mr. Blue Carstenson of the National Farmers Union. It is a pleasure to have you before us. We have a statement of some size which, in going over it, I think is excellent testimony. Do you want to make this a part of the record and ad lib, particularly if you ad lib faster than you can read.

Mr. CARSTENSON. I would appreciate not having to read it at this late late hour. I would like to hit just a few of the high points.