

Now it is true that many educators would not voluntarily come to this objective, but have been forced to it by the necessity of financial limitations.

Mrs. GREEN. I must say I disagree heartily with your definition of what public schools are doing in public school work. It is at the same age level as Headstart, and I disagree heartily. I have watched them, and I have seen them in many, many places, and they did it long before OEO got started.

Mr. SHRIVER. Could I say something on that? It is my understanding that the Director of Headstart Followthrough in the Office of Education, this new program—Dr. Egberg is his name—that he subscribes to the concept that Headstart ought to stay where it is even though he is responsible for the Headstart Followthrough program.

Mrs. GREEN. Mr. Shriver, isn't it a fact that even if there were private differences of opinion, and I happen to know because I have talked to a lot of people in departments and agencies who have told me privately differently, but isn't it true that every person who is part of the administration has to publicly say it is undesirable to transfer Headstart—

Mr. SHRIVER. I wish that would happen when some people—

Mrs. GREEN. Do you think that even though they privately held this view they could publicly say this?

Mr. SHRIVER. It has happened many times in the Congress in my lifetime. Dr. Egbert, I don't think he is in the Government yet, so he is not in this straitjacket that you think exists.

Mrs. GREEN. I am surprised at the straitjacket, and you don't think it exists when I ask you how much you requested from the Budget Bureau?

Mr. SHRIVER. I am—I agree that is a document that we produce for the President. I believe there is no question about the fact that I am not authorized to testify about that. That is correct. If I can get the figure released, I will get it released. We did release it, Mrs. Green, last year and the year before, to the Appropriations Committee. The chairman of the Subcommittee on Appropriations did get the figures, and they are in the record of the Appropriations Committee for the previous years.

All I am saying is that I don't have the right under the system in the executive branch to discuss those figures without permission. I will try to get them.

Mrs. GREEN. May I say that people very high up in the poverty agencies were not permitted to come up here and say they are not permitted to come up.

Mr. SHRIVER. I suppose there are some who are not permitted to testify about lots of things. There are some of them who probably want to testify that the shoe not be transferred and they can't come. I don't want everybody to testify from OEO, otherwise we would be here for 6 months.

Mr. QUINN. I think this is becoming quite clouded. I think it is an administrative position that Headstart should not be transferred to the Department of Education, and anybody would endanger his future in an agency if he testified differently. I think this is recognized by people in the Government and I don't think this is useful.