

Maybe it is because I am impatient in having to wait all this time to ask questions this afternoon.

I have quite a number of questions to ask about the whole program of OEO and the way you administer it. When I went home this weekend, I ran across a friend of mine who has been involved in some of these programs. He asked me a number of questions about the neighborhood health program and the Center. I thought perhaps this evening, since the time is limited, that I could go through these first.

I heard of a few of the health centers, and—it looks like somebody is going to do some work around here—how many Neighborhood Health Centers are there now in operation in the United States?

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Chairman, I presume you have a whole series of questions to ask. I am wondering if it would not be a kind of courtesy to Mr. Shriver to give him 5 minutes. He has been here since 2 o'clock this afternoon. I am going to stay and listen to my colleague's questions, but I think he needs a breather.

Mr. SHRIVER. I don't need any break, to tell you the truth. If somebody else wants one, that is fine.

Chairman PERKINS. Why don't we run along here a couple of hours and get through tonight?

Mr. PUCINSKI. Yes, but we should have a 5-minute recess.

Mr. QUIE. Let me go on with the questions.

Mr. SHRIVER. This is Dr. Joseph English, sir.

Mr. QUIE. Dr. English, how many of the Neighborhood Health Centers are in operation?

Dr. ENGLISH. As of this moment, there are eight in operation?

Mr. QUIE. Where are those eight?

Dr. ENGLISH. Well, there is one in Columbia Point, two in New York City—

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Chairman, are we losing the general of the group?

Chairman PERKINS. No, we are not losing the general. He is just going to answer a question, I presume. Go ahead.

Mr. QUIE. I have some questions for him, too, about the programs. I have to get through some of the technical aspects.

Dr. ENGLISH. There is one operating in the city of Boston, two in the city of Denver, two in the city of Chicago, and there are a total of 41 which are now funded through the country.

Mr. QUIE. And sometime in the next year if you receive the appropriations will they be in operation?

Dr. ENGLISH. Yes, sir, the ones appropriated are out of fiscal year 1967 funds.

Mr. QUIE. Beyond that how many do you plan for this coming fiscal year?

Dr. ENGLISH. That will depend on what the appropriations are that are to be given to us in fiscal 1968, when we know the total amount of money that is available to OEO and then have a chance to assess that against the estimate in the President's budget, fiscal 1968, is \$60 million for Neighborhood Health Centers.

Mr. QUIE. Those that are funded and presently in operation, how many of them are giving free drugs to the Neighborhood Health Center?

Dr. ENGLISH. Almost all of the ones that are in operation that I am aware of would be providing drugs as a part of the care there.