

medical people, pharmaceutical people, the optometrists, dentists—are the people who put together the package and come to you, and whatever forms or procedures are spelled out are procedures that have been determined by the local committee commensurate with its abilities. Isn't that true?

Dr. ENGLISH. Yes, sir; that is correct.

Mr. QUIE. I think there is a concern, however, of the people who are present vendors that they are paying taxes to fund this program and that the result is that it puts them out of business. They have a good reason to be upset about it.

I know that any other business—if a group of people receive 90 percent funding from the Federal Government and the end result will put private enterprise out of business, I would think we would take a very serious look at this.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Would the gentleman, if he has any evidence of that—I would like to see it, because if what you are saying is true, certainly we want to change it. However, I would like to see some evidence that when these programs are put together at the local level with the local community participating and drawing up the mechanics that private enterprise is being either put out of business or is experiencing any severe competition. The gentleman has stated repeatedly—the witness has stated repeatedly—that in every instance where a program like this is put together, the local businessmen are consulted and they participate in establishing the procedures under which people want to take advantage of the medical center.

The procedures under which they can take advantage of these things—it seems to me the local merchants, the local professional people are adequately protected.

If the gentleman has any evidence to the contrary, I would like to see it.

Mr. QUIE. Let me ask another question.

Were all the dentists in Massachusetts and Denver, Colo., consulted with, and did they approve of dispensing drugs free?

Dr. ENGLISH. The program in Denver was one of the first that got underway, and that was done under 205 funds, and it is possible that under one of the very first of these programs there wasn't the kind of consultation that our guidelines urge with private pharmaceutical, medical, and dental societies.

The legislation actually calls upon us now to urge—that was reinforced in section 211 last year, and I must say that we have set up liaison now with the national groups that represent all of these interests, so they are able to communicate to us any such situation where consultation is not held, and then we can assist, and we do try to be helpful in that way.

Mr. SHRIVER. Didn't you mean it was under 207 funds?

Dr. ENGLISH. Denver was 205 funds. This was the one center that began under 205.

If you wanted to put into the law an amendment that said that we had to do what we are doing; fine. That has been done many times before in our law.

I must say, Mr. Congressman, that when a program begins in a community, particularly if it has some Federal support,