Mr. POLLOCK. I think that is certainly possible, Mr. Chairman.

I know in the case of the Maritime Commission, for example, I don't happen to think that should be under any other department or program, but should be a separate agency, which bears out the point you are making.

Chairman PERKINS. Your people feel that the Office of Economic Opportunity has done a good job?

Mr. POLLOCK. I think many problems have been found in the way it has been administered, but I would have to be honest and say that I think generally it is a very valuable program, that there are ways the program could be improved, and that it is vital and important to the State of Alaska.

Chairman PERKINS. Don't you think from your experience in government that these problems would multiply if we shift these programs to the various governmental agencies and fragment the program?

Mr. POLLOCK. Mr. Chairman, I think that probably is correct. There are some portions of the so-called Quie bill that I think are very good. I think the training program for qualifications for people who don't qualify for the military, for instance, is a very good idea, and I think there are some aspects of that bill, that concept, that could be integrated into the bill that is here. I haven't heard all the testimony, so I don't know what all has gone on.

I think there are some very good portions in both programs.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Pollock, you have been subjected to some very expert cross-examination from our very competent chairman, who is seeking to get an expression from you that I personally don't read into your testimony.

Mr. POLLOCK. I do understand what the chairman is trying to do

Mr. DELLENBACK. Do I understand from your testimony, Congressman Pollock, that you really mean to confine your comments on this subject which is before us to this section 244 of H.R. 8311?

Mr. POLLOCK. I do, sir, and I indicated this earlier in my testimony that I would limit the comments to the one section of the bill that affects my State, and that is that section.

Mr. DELLENBACK. As I understand your testimony, you have indicated that you don't mean to speak for or against either bill?

Mr. POLLOCK. That is right. I think there are good points and merit to both bills and concepts.

Mr. DELLENBACK. May I ask a couple of questions on this 244 idea? Do you feel the section as set forth in 8311 would accomplish what needs to be accomplished in Alaska?

Mr. POLLOCK. Yes, I do. The new material on the bottom of page 65 of the printed bill on the top of page 70 is the particular portion that I think should be in the bill, and it says after a semicolon, "The Director may, however, provide in those rules or regulations for exceptions covering cases where, because of the need for specialized or professional skills or prevailing local wage levels, application of the foregoing restrictions would greatly impair program achievement," and so forth.

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