

who in any way participate or contribute to rioting or any disturbance in a community and the record here is complete with statements that have been made and the directives and memoranda that have been sent out by Mr. Shriver.

The problem I see here is when a group like the Students for Democratic Action take over two of their local boards, the local officials, the UCC here is almost literally helpless in carrying out the directives sent out by the Director of the OEO himself.

I think that the main thrust of these gentlemen's testimony—and I am pleased at the suggestion of our colleague from North Carolina—is the need for tightening up this whole program.

Mr. Shriver has come before the committee. He has asked that we amend the act to make the responsible elected officials part of this program and to give them greater authority. I do think that the committee will probably want to go beyond what Mr. Shriver has suggested.

I am delighted to see the gentlewoman from Oregon make the statement she did. It has been kind of lonely around here for a long time when I try to tell my colleagues that you are not going to have an effective antipoverty program when you take away complete control of these programs from the men and women and the elected officials who have to go before their electorate either 2 years or every 4 years and account for their stewardship.

May I again congratulate you gentlemen for the contribution you have made here today. I think you have definitely focused on the need for strengthening this program.

But I am most impressed with one thing: Every one of you has come before this committee and has said renew this program and continue with this program because this is the only way that we can meet the problems that make people such easy prey for the authors of the book you have cited here and for all of the other agitators and the outsiders who come into our communities and tear up our communities.

I am glad I voted for the antiriot bill. I do think that is another step in the right direction.

With your testimony added to the record of our committee, I think if the Democrats and Republicans on this committee will sit down and take a long hard look at this bill we can come forward with legislation that will strengthen this war on poverty and will help us remove those elements which have made us easy prey for the agitators.

As I said, Mr. Chairman, I think this has been a very instructional, educational, and enlightening testimony this afternoon from these gentlemen.

These gentlemen have made a very significant contribution.

Mr. ESCH. I would like to thank the individuals for coming before the committee and I would also like to associate myself with the remarks of the gentlewoman from Oregon. I think the larger question is how can we bring about orderly social change within our cities.

As a committee and as a Congress and as a people we need to re-examine more effective ways of developing local initiative of breaking through the old political structures without creating an anarchy and move ahead, on social change programs in cooperative programs