

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Yes, but I would like to give you a reason.

Chairman PERKINS. But you have not taken action?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. No. But there is a reason we haven't. We didn't want to incite a situation.

Chairman PERKINS. If you thought it was a violation of law it was your duty to do something about it.

Mr. DEFINO. Stokely Carmichael speaks, and nobody stops him. It is open to the press of the United States. It is not fair.

Chairman PERKINS. I would hate to see the day arrive—we think people are irresponsible, and I think I am talking to responsible people—but you have not taken any action insofar as preferring charges, have you?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. We have enforced the law loosely.

When Cornell Hussein—

Chairman PERKINS. One concluding question. Do you favor the Republican approach, the Opportunity Crusade, or do you favor the bill—

Mr. GARDNER. Would the gentleman yield at this point—

Chairman PERKINS. We brought them here to get some information from them.

Mr. GARDNER. I wish you would allow them to answer your questions.

Chairman PERKINS. You believe in a Community Action program, and you are not recommending to this committee that we transfer and dismantle the Office of Economic Opportunity, are you?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Well, to give you my personal observation, first of all, as far as the Community Action programs it is not run by the duly elected officials—I am talking about the Community Action programs. I would say abolish it.

Chairman PERKINS. You would say abolish it if the local public officials are not in control?

Mr. BERNSTEIN. That is right.

Chairman PERKINS. And that is the breach between the poverty workers that seem to be disgruntled against the public official up there, and you have a breach between you and the poverty workers along that line.

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Well, it is my feeling that all of these programs should be run by Government, because somebody has to answer to the people.

Chairman PERKINS. Well, do you believe they should all be run by State law, Mr. Addonizio?

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Mr. Congressman, the Congress of the United States in their wisdom voted into the act proportionate shares to be borne by the municipalities and by the Federal Government, and each year the percentage that must be raised by the municipality is increased.

Now the elected officials are those who are directly responsible for the tax rates, et cetera, et cetera.

Chairman PERKINS. I don't want to take that line.

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Since the elected officials have a direct responsibility to their constituencies.