

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967 3801

the problems of poverty can be more effective than many branches each handling one specific area. There is value in having everything under one roof and one agency responsible for originating, coordinating and evaluating all related programs.

While the League is impressed with what has been done thus far, we admit problems exist and perfection has not yet been attained. We, therefore, support amending the present Act to include study and evaluation by the OEO itself and by outside evaluators.

The League supports EOA programs particularly those which deal with basic education and job training. We support the Community Action Program.

CAP has been responsible for stimulating and involving the poor and the community at large.

We urge you to vote for continuation of the EOA and bill H.R. 8311.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. FRED S. KANN,
President.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,
New Castle, Pa., June 14, 1967.

HON. CARL PERKINS,
Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS: I would like to express to you the support of the League of Women Voters of New Castle, Pennsylvania for the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967. The \$2.06 billion authorization requested for fiscal 1968 seems a reasonable amount, compared to the \$1.75 billion authorized for fiscal 1967 because many communities are moving from the planning stage to the more expensive operation of carrying out programs.

Locally, the Community Action Program is providing funds for the following activities:

Head start (summer only), \$46,000 for 24 retarded and 225 other disadvantaged children

Visiting Nurses Association, \$25,000 as partial support

Operation Mainstream, \$111,000 to provide work experience and job training for the chronically unemployed

The local office is also participating in the Neighborhood Youth Corps sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh to provide employment for youths 16-22. Seventy local youngsters have signed up so far.

The League is opposed to abolishing the Office of Economic Opportunity and is giving the highest priority to the continuation of the Community Action Program which, by stimulating local initiative, innovation, and participation of the groups to be served has become a vital element for encouraging social progress in hundreds of communities. The League feels that established agencies have not been overly sensitive to the basic inequalities faced by the hard-core poor, and that by contrast OEO has been imaginative in its development of new programs. In addition, we feel the coordinating role of OEO and CAP should be buttressed in order to better insure that poverty programs administered by other agencies actually are directed to the needs of the poor.

The League does not endorse all actions taken under the Anti-Poverty program; nevertheless, we feel the Office of Economic Opportunity is the agency best qualified to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment for all persons in the United States.

Sincerely,

Mrs. VIRGINIA KOLASINSKI,
President.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF CENTRAL SANTA CLARA VALLEY,
Sunnyvale, Calif., June 19, 1967.

HON. CARL D. PERKINS,
*House Education and Labor Committee,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. PERKINS: We are writing to request your vote in support of the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967. Federal programs aiding the pro-