

He has no comment.

Mr. SESSIONS. I say five years is a very conservative estimate.

Mr. GIBBONS. I have no further questions if we are going to go into this in detail. I certainly hope our committee will go into great detail before we get this bill out.

Mrs. GREEN. Congressman Burton?

Mr. BURTON. There are two observations I would like to make. They are both with reference to the impact of our expenditures in Southeast Asia on all of these domestic programs.

I think it only is right that all of those who feel that this war should be escalated and our financial commitment should be increased, it should be well understood that there is a limitation on Federal funds available. It is not an unexpected consequence of spending at the rate of \$2 or \$3 billion a month in Southeast Asia that some of our domestic programs are being curtailed.

I share with you your concern that the requests and approval in the form of the authorization by the Congress for the coming fiscal year has been cut by the administration by more than 50 percent.

The second observation I would like to make—and it is somewhat related—is that I had favored a long period in terms of years of authorization so that all affected local and State and Federal agencies could better plan their programs.

But when we find the administration has selectively sought to fund some authorizations and some of the titles to a greater extent than others, we find as the authorizing committee we lose almost full control over the policy.

So the administration might decry that we do not give them longer authorizations, it is a consequence of their own acts that have converted a number of us who would have supported that into wanting to keep them on a short leash because we find out that in all too many areas they completely ignore the policies established by the Congress in their authorization bills.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Hathaway?

Mr. HATHAWAY. Thank you for your statement, Mr. Davis. I am in entire agreement with you that this bill ought to be fully funded.

You mention on page 1 that recent sampling indicates that 42 percent of the people interviewed listed as their major concern a desire for their children to complete college.

How much additional training do you think is necessary beyond high school to fulfill most of the jobs that your people are involved in?

Mr. DAVIS. The statement we make here about the 42 percent is really a reflection of a survey, a private poll, that we took just to give our headquarters staff enough information to develop realistic programs.

We wanted to be knowledgeable about the concerns of the membership of the AFL-CIO so in this year in February we did poll the country. It was a sampling of about 12 international unions.

We didn't get in any real depth so that I can answer the question as result of the poll. But we did get some notion that this was listed as a major concern among several other items which were significant to us, because we had listed about eight or nine other items on our map and by far education came out in the age group 40 and above, as a major concern of our own membership.