

passionate or not as tolerant or as concerned about the welfare of the poor or downtrodden as the members of the other party.

Mr. CONABLE. Will the gentleman yield? That is his own interpretation of the Republican's position.

Mr. BROYHILL. That is not my interpretation. That is what is charged by the other side. But it is not the real difference between the two parties. Our differences are on the question of fiscal responsibility, what is the role of the Federal Government in trying to solve these problems. I think it is important that we try to bring up these matters when we discuss the tax increase that the American people are objecting to. I am getting letters also, I will admit, urging increases in some of these programs. I think we need more help from the President and the administration in proposing cuts in some of these programs. They should let the American people themselves know that there is a great deal of waste going on in them. I just received the other day a report from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce on a survey of their members.

The first 32 employers, members of the chamber, who returned the questionnaire reported they had over 240 jobs available in the city of Alexandria. Twenty-five of them were in the city of Alexandria government itself. Twenty in the Virginia Electric & Power Co. These people were complaining because they could not get people to fill the jobs.

When I made that announcement yesterday on the floor of the House we got some calls from the Office of Economic Opportunity saying the jobs were in Alexandria and the people in Washington can't get over to the suburbs to fill the jobs. I have asked the board of trade for the same type of survey because we know there are jobs in Washington that are going begging. My question at that point, Mr. Ackley, is if we could get more attention directed to the jobs and get the people who are now living on Federal welfare to take these jobs, not only would it reduce the cost of the welfare program and poverty program, but would it also not increase the gross national product?

Mr. ACKLEY. There is no question about that, Mr. Broyhill. As the President has frequently expressed it, our responsibility ought to be to get the people who are taxeaters into the category of taxpayers.

A whole range of programs has, of course, been developed to try to train people and to get them ready to fill productive jobs. The problem is not entirely that of training. Obviously there are some problems of motivation as well. Some people just don't want to work. Certainly your objective and mine would not differ at all in terms of the desirability, from an economic standpoint, social standpoint, and every other, of trying to get people who are not working on the job wherever they are capable of doing it. There certainly are many people who simply don't have the requisite skills to fill the jobs that are open.

The whole business of trying to measure the total number of job vacancies is a very difficult one and the Department of Labor has been struggling with it for a long time. I think there is the prospect if adequate budgetary funds were made available for a comprehensive continuing survey of job vacancies it would be useful not only in terms of the placement activities of the Bureau of Employment Security but also as a measure of the pressures on the economy. We would support very much an improvement of our job vacancy data.