scale of priorities than the fiscal problem that we are confronted with.

Mr. MEANY. I think that a great many things have happened since 1960 that we better take into consideration.

Mr. CURTIS. We were doing pretty well in 1960, but it is very interesting that you think that the things that have happened since 1960 justify a Federal expenditure level of $144 million in contrast to a $77 billion level of the Federal Government.

After all, we are talking about a total society, not just what the Federal Government does, but what does the total society do in education, health, welfare and so on.

Mr. MEANY. We didn't have any education expenditures of the Federal Government to amount to anything in 1960.

Mr. CURTIS. We sure did. We were spending more, I might say, per capita in those days than we are now.

Mr. MEANY. I don't think.

Mr. CURTIS. Well, this is a question to be examined.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Ullman.

Mr. ULLMAN. I want to commend you, Mr. Meany, for what I consider a responsible paper with constructive alternatives, and obviously you have done a lot of work on it. You are in a position somewhat like that of a Member of Congress. You represent a lot of people, a lot of taxpayers, and what you are recommending is that the people that you represent, many millions of people, will have to dig into their pockets and pay some more taxes, and that I consider is statesmanship and I commend you for it.

Now, I presume the reason that you are doing that is because you have looked at the alternatives. Is that right?

Mr. MEANY. Yes.

Mr. ULLMAN. And the main alternative you are concerned about is the alternative of the high interest rates and the tight-money situation.

Mr. MEANY. Which would come from a large Federal deficit.

Mr. ULLMAN. That is right. Now, you have gone into the tax structure. I think you would be realistic enough to see the difficulties of trying to include tax revision procedures in this bill.

Mr. MEANY. No, I make that clear that I don't think we should try to get into the question of tax reform, which we have a great interest in, but I do point out you can get a little more money here without enacting tax reform at this time.

In other words, you can get a little out of these present tax-exempt areas.

Mr. ULLMAN. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions? If not, Mr. Meany, we thank you, sir, for coming to the committee.

Mr. MEANY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(For telegram from Uniformed Firemen's Association, in support of Mr. Meany's statement, see p. 746.)

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Wright and Mr. Fefferman. Mr. Wright, if you will identify yourself and Mr. Fefferman for the record we shall be glad to recognize you, sir.