

Mr. WYLIE. Will you yield for one other bit of information?

Mr. HANNA. My time has expired.

Mr. WYLIE. I wonder if you might supply information as to how many garnishments the Internal Revenue Service—how many were instituted by the Internal Revenue Service.

Secretary TROWBRIDGE. Mr. Harding used to be with the IRS.

Mr. HANNA. I do not think he can supply it now.

Mr. WYLIE. I do not mean to have him search.

Mr. HARDING. I could obtain the figure for you and insert it in the record. I don't recall offhand the number of those actions.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Please do that if you can.

(The information referred to follows:)

	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966	Fiscal year 1967
Liens.....	222,000	214,000	229,000
Levies.....	770,000	773,000	863,000
Seizures.....	17,000	15,000	16,000

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Annunzio?

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Thank you, Mrs. Sullivan.

I want to join my colleagues on this panel in paying tribute to you. I joined you as one of the sponsors of H.R. 11601. Now with reference to the section on garnishment of wages; I would like to set the record straight.

We had Miss Furness here representing the administration and she is against this section, pending further study.

Mr. Barr, Governor Robertson, and now we have the Secretary of Commerce, and the distinguished representative of the AFL-CIO who said that at this time his national organization has no policy on a national Federal law to abolish garnishment. But there are three States in the country, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Florida who abolished garnishment of wages. I wrote to one of the largest steel companies in my area and I was very happy that Joseph Block, chairman of the Inland Steel Co., joined us in supporting the garnishment section of the bill. If we have done nothing else we at least have made the administration aware of the garnishment problem faced by both the employers and the employees. I have been disappointed that the study of garnishments is not completed. We are looking for answers. This is a very serious problem confronting the country.

I have stated that there are millions of dollars being spent in large court systems like Los Angeles and Cook County in garnishment litigation. There are thousands of people in the courts who are waiting for adjudication of other problems such as workmen's compensation, personal injury cases, unemployment compensation cases and that this is a problem that is causing tremendous upheaval in many sections of our large cities. There have been cases recorded where people have committed suicide because of the garnishment law, so that I do hope, Mr. Secretary and Mr. Harding, that you will use the prestige of your office to expedite the study that is being made so that this subcommittee can have the thinking of and the results of the study as soon as possible.