

really missing a good bet by not putting more into an area which seems to be so rewarding for the national interest?

Secretary WIRTZ. Senator, you know the easy answer for me to that question and it is, "Yes," put more money in. I am sobered by the realization of the extent to which this program has changed from year to year in our own administration, sobered to the extent of realizing that I am not certain that we could have economically and efficiently administered a larger program.

Chairman PROXMIRE. It is hard to get instructors and teachers?

Secretary WIRTZ. It is very hard. That is the single worst shortage. When I realize how rapidly we have shifted from institutional training to on-the-job training, I guess I would have to be cognizant of the fact that one of the implications is getting further action rapidly on institutional training. It has caught up with us so fast we might have been training people for jobs at that point which did not need to be filled.

There are expansions contemplated for this year. The biggest single point that makes me reluctant about answering your question the easy way is that I think as we move into this next period we are going to be shifting more and more of the responsibility to employers and picking up the marginal or submarginal costs. I have a strong feeling we can direct more and more of our money to work out the relationship between public training and private employment, so I cannot answer unhesitatingly your request about whether we should have an expansion now in terms of dollars.

Chairman PROXMIRE. I want to apologize, Congressman Curtis. I said I would yield. I have one other question to ask.

This relates to guidelines.

Mr. Secretary, you are Vice Chairman, as I understand it, of the President's Advisory Committee on Labor-Management Policy and the Secretary of Commerce is the Chairman. The report on the guidelines recommended quarterly reports from the Council to identify the nature and chief cause of major shortcomings and recommendations to correct any within the purview of the President's Commission.

Now, in view of the fact that the administration has decided to drop the figure which so many of us are concerned about, it would seem to me that this kind of report should certainly be made and I am informed by the staff that no report has been made, this recommendation was August 18, and this is February, 5 months later and not a quarter, not 3 months, and this is exactly the kind of study which, in the absence of a precise guideline figure would be most helpful.

Secretary WIRTZ. That report was not made formally, but was made by the Council on Economic Advisers to the Committee at its December 14 meeting. It was not a written report. It was an extensive full-day discussion on a sector-by-sector basis.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Would this not be invaluable to the members of this committee and the Congress if we could get this on a quarterly basis, absent the figures, the 5-percent figure or some other figure, to have this kind of information publicized and made known?

Secretary WIRTZ. I think so. That is what the position is some of us took with respect to the proposed legislation before the Government Operations Committee.