

Mr. SCHERLE. Did anyone from the National Council of Senior Citizens testify before this committee?

Mr. HUTTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. SCHERLE. Did you testify?

Mr. HUTTON. Yes, I did.

Mr. SCHERLE. The same basis as you have given us today?

Mr. HUTTON. Yes, sir.

Mr. SCHERLE. Now, a bill was passed out of committee a short time ago to extend the Commission for the Aged. It involves quite a substantial amount of money.

Mr. HUTTON. We supported it.

Mr. SCHERLE. I know.

How would this work in conjunction with what you are asking at the present time other than over a 45 age limit? I mean for the senior citizens, it is designed for them.

Mr. HUTTON. For the poverty programs, as you understand, it is in poverty areas for the elderly poor. In legislation for the aging, it is different.

Mr. SCHERLE. I didn't think there was discrimination in the legislation. I was impressed by the fact it took in all older citizens.

Mr. HUTTON. Many older people need additional money to live; others don't need as much. They can do with part-time services. Others need opportunity to serve, something to establish their dignity.

Mr. SCHERLE. If I had a copy of our report on the reasons for the extension of the Commission for the Aging, you will find every area you have covered this morning is outlined in the report of that bill. I think if you have time it would pay you to read that.

Mr. HUTTON. It does not provide for discrimination.

Mr. SCHERLE. The recommendation is to provide employment and services. You read it. It has been included. I think our good chairman would also make the same statement I did. We tried to do many things in that bill.

Mr. HUTTON. I am very happy the Commission for the Aging has been continued.

Mr. DENT. You are right. The problem there we should look into more closely is the fact that the main thrust of that money is money that is sent to the States to set up their new programs.

Mr. SCHERLE. I think that is where the money belongs. I am a great believer in local control.

You mentioned earlier in your opening statement that you frowned on public studies and research.

Mr. HUTTON. I frown on public relations programs as a substitute for needed legislative action.

Mr. SCHERLE. I notice in this bill that in section 3 the Secretary of Labor shall undertake studies and provide information to labor unions. In (a) of section 3, undertake research and promote research; (b), promote and make available findings of studies.

It looks to me like you are going to be wrapped up in a lot of research and studies.

Mr. HUTTON. I think it is essential to legislation. It is vital that we know where we are going.

Mr. SCHERLE. I thought this was already available. I am sure there are reams and reams of studies right now. What these people want is action and attention.