

to cover the points the chairman was referring to this morning regarding the reports covering the field of employment of the aged?

Mr. BECHILL. I do not think it is, Mrs. Mink. As a matter of fact we have worked out relationships on reporting with a number of the agencies who are represented on the President's Council on Aging and in the Department itself.

Mrs. MINK. So if this bill today becomes law and the Secretary of Labor is required to make this study, in your opinion there would be no difficulty in having this information referred to your commission in whatever way you find necessary?

Mr. BECHILL. I would anticipate no difficulty.

Mr. DENT. Would it be possible for this committee to receive from the commission files the report of 1965, from the Department of Labor files the later report ordered by the conference committee last year, and whatever information he has compiled as well as the statistics the Secretary of Labor has given to the commission on the hiring of older workers? Do you have a file complete in this regard?

Mr. BECHILL. As I recall both of the reports that you refer to were transmitted formally by the Secretary of Labor.

Mr. DENT. You see, Mr. Commissioner, what I am trying to do is make it possible for the committee to obtain this information in capsule form. If we want all information on the aged and aging we have to go to the Department of Labor, the Department of Unemployment, the Bureau of Employment, and other divisions of the Government, and by the time we get it it is not correlated or analyzed, it is in cold statistics, in a disconnected form, and we have to work it over in our staff.

In your commission you get reports from the Unemployment Division of the Department of Labor which has the information on percentages of unemployment in certain age groups and then from the national employment agencies you receive the number of persons unemployed and in the other end you have from the Secretary of Labor from another division you will get reports on the administration of age discrimination laws in the various States.

It would be helpful if we had a compilation of all that information.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Would the chairman yield?

Mr. DENT. Yes.

Mr. PUCINSKI. As your distinguished chairman recalls when we were debating the issue I was one of those who pointed out, and I point it out again today, and I think the Commissioner confirms it, there are some 40 agencies in government that are now dealing with various problems of the aging. You and I know that none of these people are going to give up a single iota of their own responsibilities or jobs or appropriations.

This was the futility in trying to set up this Commission. I voted for it and I hope the Commissioner is going to be able to persuade the executive that we ought to be able to bring all these agencies under one umbrella as the chairman suggested.

I don't envy the Commissioner that effort and if the experiences Sargent Shriver is having in the poverty program in trying to pull together the various agencies for an effective, concerted, concentrated attack is any indication, I would have to say reluctantly the Commissioner before us now is destined for failure in his effort. These things are so deeply entrenched and the system is so strong that the Congress itself did not have the courage to do it.