

sensible to provide that a college or a university or a health organization or any organization organized to carry on a charitable educational work of that nature, or, indeed, a Government bureau be automatically terminated at the end of 25 years—

Mr. PATMAN, I hope you will reexamine that statement.

Secretary FOWLER (continuing). Its furniture distributed, its personnel fired, its staffs dismembered, and so forth.

Mr. PATMAN. I hope you will reexamine that statement. I do not believe you will agree with it.

Secretary FOWLER. I will be willing to stand on it.

Mr. MORTON. If the Chair will yield?

Mr. PATMAN. I am going to ask that the gentleman from Maryland ask questions now, if he would like. Mr. Morton.

Mr. MORTON. I am privileged to have the opportunity to meet here with the Secretary, and I hope, in reexamination of that statement, that he will reiterate it. I could not agree with him more.

I think we are dealing with apples and oranges here. I am very much disturbed about the hearing, because we are indicting foundations, per se, and this to me is very uncomfortable.

Let me ask you, Mr. Secretary, if, in the course of the submission of this report to the Ways and Means Committee of the House and to the Finance Committee of the Senate, have there been follow-on discussions as to whether in the near future legislation will be considered that would implement the recommendations of this report?

Secretary FOWLER. Yes, there have.

Mr. PATMAN. In other words, this report did not end the matter as far as the relationship between the Treasury Department and the Congress is concerned?

Secretary FOWLER. Not at all. As a matter of fact, it would be our expectation that our recommendation would be considered by the Ways and Means Committee in the near future. However, this is a decision ultimately for the House Ways and Means Committee. Under our constitutional setup, revenue legislation has its origin in the House of Representatives, and the timetable and schedule of such legislation are a matter for the House Ways and Means Committee to determine.

This matter has been looked into by the House Ways and Means Committee. The House Ways and Means Committee has elicited the comments from a variety of sources regarding the Treasury report, as I think is a preliminary to holding public hearings.

Since these comments have been made and have been in hand for some time and we have all had a chance to analyze them and review our recommendations, I would think the next step would be public hearings.

Mr. MORTON. We are probably going to have to close the hearing. May I ask one other question, however?

In the course of developing these recommendations and this report, there seems to be a general opinion, and I think it is an erroneous opinion, that if foundations were liquidated, the Federal Government would receive a great deal more revenue because of a mysterious economic happening. Within the Treasury Department have economic studies been made that would actually reflect what effect on the Treasury of the United States would the liquidation of foundations or the cessation of not-for-profit foundations have?