

income neighborhoods food prices are higher and further some evidence that price levels may change around the first of the month. Our studies are not complete and evidence is not as yet certain. We are continuing our work and I would be pleased to make the results of our survey available to your committee.

The telegram is signed "Timothy W. Costello, Deputy Mayor, City Administrator, New York City."

Mr. MYERS. I join with Mrs. Dwyer in reiterating that we Republicans, too, are concerned about this problem.

My question is whether you are or are not leaving your party to do this for the people; that is, whether you are willing to do so.

Mrs. KELLY. We thought that we were more efficiently organized. They were already doing that study, as I say, when we found out that they were doing it at the request of the Republican Senator.

Mr. MYERS. I believe in a two-party system, but my country comes first.

Let me ask you several more questions.

First of all, I was not quite clear in your answer to Mrs. Dwyer. Have you reported this to any Government agencies and requested help?

Mrs. KELLY. Yes. We have reported this to Secretary Freeman and asked for an investigation on the basis that we feel that the food stamp program is being systematically exploited, because these prices go up on food stamp days.

We have asked Betty Furness to investigate. And she said that the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Trade Commission are the parties to take remedial action.

We have had two sessions with Mr. Corkey as the result of our letter to the Federal Trade Commission asking him to investigate and to issue a ruling that a chainstore which has advertised sales with citywide prices implies that all their other items also have citywide prices—if they advertise their sales prices, that they are the same in every store then we would like that ruling to be expanded to give equal pricing for everything.

Mr. MYERS. What reply did you receive from Secretary Freeman and Betty Furness?

Mrs. KELLY. We have not heard yet from the Agriculture Department, except to supply material.

Mr. MYERS. You have known this for 3 weeks and you have not heard from them yet?

Mrs. KELLY. No. I am waiting.

Mr. MYERS. They are not quite as concerned as you and we are.

Mrs. KELLY. I think that they are waiting in line. They want to see Mr. Corkey and he has been——

Mr. MYERS. But they have not done anything, have they?

Mrs. KELLY. They may be doing things that I know nothing about.

Mr. MYERS. They have not answered your letter.

Mrs. KELLY. I am sure that they are thinking about it.

Mr. MYERS. I am sure that helps you an awful lot to have them think about it. And it helps the poor people.

Mrs. KELLY. The Federal Trade Commission has been putting a lot of work in. I am sure that you will want to question Mr. Corkey yourself, too, and find out what they are doing. Obviously they are.

Also, the last thing that we asked was help from the Justice Department. We felt that we had a good case here. We asked the Jus-