

Mr. BERRY. I would not want to make any pronouncement on that. I think human behavior can be influenced, depending upon the emphasis you want to put on what you want them, how you want them to act and respond. Presently, we are in a society in which the money-changers call the tune.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. How many community action agencies exist today, and how many of them have comprehensive consumer programs?

Mr. BERRY. There are some 1,100 community action agencies; 750 of them have been funded. Some 275, more or less, have program development grants; some 120 are waiting for some type of funds to implement programs.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. What percentage of the total OEO budget is directed to the consumer action programs?

Mr. BERRY. Well, Mr. Chairman, our budget, according to the President's budget, would be for all types of programs; some \$900 million for this coming fiscal year. I say \$900 million, more or less.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You mean that is for the total OEO budget, the \$900 million, or the community action?

Mr. BERRY. Community action.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. And the total OEO budget is how much?

Mr. BERRY. \$1,750 million, including delegated programs.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Of the \$1,750 million how much is going to consumer activity programs within OEO?

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Chairman, I would prefer to deal with the community action program portion of that fund.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. But this subcommittee has no jurisdiction over anything other than consumer activities and that is why I am obliged to ask that question.

Mr. BERRY. Well, in the community action program is where the basis of the money, the principal money, is going; therefore, we ought to relate the percentage to what we have some jurisdiction over, rather than the \$1,750 million.

I would say, out of \$900 million, we have approximately \$8,500,000 that has gone into community action, which would be consumer action.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. It is a little less than 1 percent of the OEO budget that is going into consumer-related activities.

Mr. BERRY. At this present moment, yes.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. That is not very encouraging, is it?

Mr. BERRY. It is not—I think it is encouraging to a degree, but not up to the magnitude of the problem, particularly when we view it in the context of the total complex of programs which we have funded.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You suggested to me in response to an earlier question, that you felt that consumer activities are equally as important as activities on behalf of improved housing and increasing job opportunities. And yet in terms of, and in relation to, money spent there does not seem to be any comparison.

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Chairman, I hope you are not insensitive to the pressures that our office has been under in responding to community demand for types of program.

It is a question, a basic question, of whether the Federal Government through our office is going to make a predetermined decision as to what kind of programs will be funded, as a priority, over what com-