

are recommending here today. But as a practical matter, I gather that you would agree with me that Congress is not about to pass another tax at this time.

Mr. CAREY. Judging from the production of new taxes so far, sir; that is probably a fair conclusion. I would like to make one thing clear: that I am not really up here commending—I think that was the word you used—financing from general revenues. I have set that out as one of the alternatives that we are talking about.

Mr. HARVEY. You have set it out as an alternative, but we have to be mindful as a committee that the President has asked for a 10-percent surtax to finance the war in Vietnam and Congress has not seen fit to tax that.

The President has asked, in addition, for a tax on travel abroad, and the Ways and Means Committee has not seen fit to pass that, and, in fact, at this very hour is killing that tax.

So as I say, as a practical matter, you are not seriously telling us that either of these other alternatives, these taxes, are realistic, are you?

Mr. CAREY. I think they certainly are realistic enough to be very seriously considered by the Congress in settling the long-term financing of this enterprise. The alternative would be, I take it, to rely entirely on the general funds.

Mr. HARVEY. I happen to disagree with the chairman, in that I think the appropriate committee at this time would be the Ways and Means Committee. I feel that if we are going to have public broadcasting in America, it should be financed by one of these specific taxes that the Ford Foundation or the Carnegie Commission report recommended.

If we are going to have public broadcasting, this Congress and this Nation ought to face it and ought to finance it at the same time. We shouldn't put the cart before the horse, as we are doing right now. I specifically disagree in that regard with what the administration is recommending here today.

I just might say here that it is almost incredible to me that you come here from the Bureau of the Budget and recommend that we spend, if I understand correctly what you told Mr. Broyhill, \$9 million on this for next year.

Mr. CAREY. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARVEY. And we are spending \$10 million on rent supplements this year to provide housing for poor people in America. How this administration can reconcile this sort of priority is beyond me. I can't believe that the President has looked at this since he made this recent speech in Minnesota calling for austerity, nor can I believe that he has looked at it in light of the Kerner Commission report calling for changes and vast improvements in the slums and ghettos of America.

This is just incredible, that you, from the Bureau of the Budget, come here today and recommend this \$9 million to be financed out of the general appropriation process.

Mr. CAREY. I certainly respect your views, Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY. Would you give this equal weight with the rent supplement program, for example, when you are sitting there in the Bureau of the Budget? Would you balance this equally for the poor people in America?

I happen to have voted for that rent supplement program, along with 30 or 40 other Republicans. I happen to believe in it. I can't be-