

Would it not be better to extend it maybe 5 years?

Is there any particular reason why 2 years has been chosen?

Mr. DANIEL. It seems that 2 years is long enough for the Congress. As far as we are concerned, we would be happy if they were to extend it longer or make it a permanent act.

Mr. GETTYS. You think the reason it is 2 years is because of the congressional limitation?

Mr. DANIEL. I think so. I think you like to take a look at us every 2 years.

Mr. GETTYS. Under the original act I believe that your agency had power to impose wage and price controls; is that correct?

Mr. DANIEL. Yes, sir, under the original law.

Mr. GETTYS. Has the law been amended, or do you have any wage or price control affixing power at all now?

Mr. DANIEL. No, we do not. That part of the act was allowed to expire. It was not renewed. And you would not be renewing it now.

Our only activities in the field of wage and price control now is our overall planning for an emergency such as a war which is much worse than the one we are in or a nuclear attack; and we do in that overall plan have the duty to have stabilization programs already prepared and ready for use in an emergency. We do have plans ready and have had for years.

Mr. GETTYS. You would have to come here for authority?

Mr. DANIEL. We would have to come to Congress for authority in the field of wage and price controls.

Mr. GETTYS. To change the subject again, Governor, we have talked about strategic metals and minerals. In some of the textile fields, do you have control over establishing the priorities in defense production in those areas?

Mr. DANIEL. We do have the authority.

Mr. GETTYS. Do you know whether there has been any actual production priority actions in the last several years?

Mr. DANIEL. I would like for Mr. Bertsch to answer that.

Mr. BERTSCH. In connection with the needs of the Department of Defense, all procurement of textiles by the Department of Defense or its contractors is under a priority system.

Mr. GETTYS. Operated by the Department of Defense?

Mr. BERTSCH. The priority program is administered by the Department of Commerce, under the policy direction of OEP. We, the Department of Commerce, have delegated to the Department of Defense the rights to use priorities under our regulations and they follow our regulations in this connection.

Mr. GETTYS. Thank you.

Chairman PATMAN. Mr. Galifianakis?

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Governor Daniel, and your associates, and let me offer a special welcome to our neighbors in South Carolina.

Do you have a herbicide stockpile now and is that a large stockpile?

Mr. LAWRENCE. We don't have any in the stockpile.

Mr. GALIFIANAKIS. What prompted the interest? Was it the Vietnamese needs that prompted the necessity in the herbicides?