

Now, the weakness of this program right now is that we don't have enough money to send anybody to see these small businessmen to help them with the technology transfer that a great many of them need.

Mr. WATKINS. You should encourage the small businessman to come to you.

Mr. ELLIOTT. We are doing that. The small businessman through user fees and that type of thing is paying us probably 25 or 30 percent of the cost of this program at the present time.

Now there is a limit, it seems to me, on which the little fellow, and I am talking about the 22,000 small business people I referred to—

Mr. WATKINS. We have many of them in Pennsylvania.

Mr. ELLIOTT. About 90,000.

Mr. WATKINS. How many thousand?

Mr. ELLIOTT. It is 80-odd thousand.

Mr. WATKINS. Small businesses come and go, we know that.

Mr. ELLIOTT. Unfortunately, a great many of them have to go out because of lack of technology.

Mr. WATKINS. I feel I am interrupting you. You go on.

Mr. ELLIOTT. No, I want you to. I served in Congress about 16 years. Now don't you worry about interrupting me.

Mr. Moss. I might say for the benefit of our good friend from Pennsylvania that Carl Elliott served on the committee that made a rather extensive study of the contracting practices, particularly in the field of research, Federal aid, funded research.

I believe he is as well informed on the scope of Federal involvement in research and the type of technology development as a result of the expenditure of Federal dollars as any present or past Member of Congress.

As a result of your efforts, a special subcommittee was established of the Committee on Government Operations, chaired by Congressman Reuss of Wisconsin.

The report filed with this House prior to your leaving was an excellent one giving guidance to the House. I would suggest, however, that while we would be very much concerned with the value of the services provided here through the States to business, we must recognize that small business alone is not the only beneficiary.

It is business at all levels and of all sizes. The transfer of technology are important both to the large and the small and frequently avoid very costly duplication by more timely information being provided to the business community.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Chairman, I join with you in deep respect for Mr. Elliott.

You keep telling us about the merits of this program. I think it is good. I like to hear you talk. I wish you had had a prepared statement.

Mr. ELLIOTT. Listen, when you are earning money to pay the debts that you made in an effort to serve the people in Congress for a long time you don't have the staff facilities a lot of times that you need to prepare these statements.

I won't be preparing, the chances are, statements on something like this because I don't have the time and the money. That is the truth.

The colleges have done as I have said, Mr. Chairman, a wonderful job in making this program work with a very minimum of money.

Now they can't continue to go the pace they are going now, in my judgment. Unless we provide enough money to do this job just fairly