

I will be happy to support the bill. The money is another factor. I did want to tell you, frankly, money is going to be the big problem. But I think the program is needed.

Mr. ELLIOTT. Of course, I realize that there is great pressure to cut all of these programs. But there is a point below which you can't cut a program and expect it to do good. This program specifically has to have some means to get its message out to the small businessman. That is what it is lacking now.

It is making as much progress with \$5 million or so as any program could but it needs more than that. I might say that I am serving without compensation on this committee. I am trying to pay my civic rent, my national rent. I have given this evaluation committee maybe 30 days of my time in the past year.

I think I would be derelict in my duty if I did not tell you the way I see it when I come here to testify. That is the reasons.

I am in sympathy with the fact that expenditures are very high but I am also in sympathy with keeping the doors to technology open to these small businesses.

Mr. SPRINGER. I agree with you. We are going to have a difficult time on the floor. This bill will be questioned. I can see that we are going to run into trouble more this time than before because of money problems.

Mr. ELLIOTT. With your support and guidance, I am sure we will get something, Bill.

Mr. Chairman, that is all I have to say about it. If you have questions I will do my best to answer them.

I have been all over the country and I have observed this program. Some States have a real fine program going. Pennsylvania has one of the best in the entire country. Some of the States have been slow in getting started.

The program in the chairman's State is not as good a start as it ought to be. I have looked at it in California. It will be improved upon. This program is only 2 years old at best.

We have been through a period of experimentation, tooling up that had to be gone through. Maybe it has been just as well that we have not had many funds to spend up to this point.

But now if the program is going to mean anything, if your action is going to mean anything, the action you took in 1965, it has to have a lift. That is putting it as simply and bluntly as I know how to put it.

Mr. Moss. Of course, as you learned during your many years of service here, we are faced with the ideals and the realities. Ideally we would like more money. I think in this program, perhaps far more than most coming before this committee in a very short period of time we could prove quite conclusively that a dollar invested, and I think this is an area of investment, would yield in new revenues directly from businesses and from increased taxation from employees, far more than the amount invested.

But as Congressman Springer pointed out and as Congressman Watkins has mentioned, we have a very difficult problem confronting our Congress.

I think the consensus of the committee is one of strong desire to report the best possible legislation within the clear context of the realities of the moment. I am confident that not only will we have the assistance offered by Congressman Springer, and I must reaffirm his