

Senator MUSKIE. With respect to amendment 748, Mr. Hughes also had a comment. He proposed that action be deferred on this new title in view of the fact that a joint study has just been undertaken by the Comptroller General, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, looking toward improvement in the financial administration of the grant programs at Federal and local levels.

In view of this development, do you agree that legislative action should be deferred? If not, would you give us the reasons why you think the action should proceed before that study is completed?

Mr. COLMAN. With all due respect to Mr. Hughes and to the Comptroller General, it would be the Commission's view that this ought to proceed, because a joint task force effort which is being launched by the joint working group of the Secretary of the Treasury, Director of the Budget Bureau, and Comptroller General on grants-in-aid in effect is a continuation of a long series of joint endeavors in this and other fields. I think the present task force will give more concentrated attention to grants-in-aid than other of their joint efforts in the past.

But here is a basic departure, really, in the posture of the Federal Government with regard to the audit of grant-in-aid funds. So it would be our belief, with all due respect to the other two agencies involved, that the Congress should proceed with the perfecting of this legislation and the full consideration of it.

Senator MUSKIE. With respect to title VIII, the relocation title, I have a series of questions based upon Mr. Hughes' testimony yesterday and on other things.

Section 805(a). The title describes the payments to be made to various groups dislocated.

Mr. COLMAN. What was the citation again, Mr. Chairman?

Senator MUSKIE. Section 805(a) on page 41. In your relocation report, you also list the source of costs that are incurred by displaced people, businesses, and so on. In your judgment, are all fair and reasonable relocation payments to persons, businesses, and farm operators fully covered by paragraph 805(a) in the light of your consideration of the costs that are incurred? Have you made a comparison of the two?

We have assumed, I think, that the legislation covered everything, all types of costs, that a displaced person or business or farm operator might expect. You have gone into some consideration of the costs, and we simply want to know if the legislation covered everything that it ought.

Mr. COLMAN. That is hard to answer, Mr. Chairman. It covers nearly all of the contingencies that we could conceive. Maybe some new ones have been uncovered.

Senator MUSKIE. Do you think your report is complete in that respect as of the time it was written?

Mr. COLMAN. Yes, sir.

Senator MUSKIE. Maybe it would be well to include in the record of the hearings appendix 3 of the table of your report that bears upon this point.

I know that Senator Mundt has been interested particularly in the past with the farm operators' problems in this respect.