

There are innumerable such situations. But the answer is that no one ever had a congressional hearing on this problem before. This has never been out in the open. The day is going to arrive when there is unanimous consent that anything you can do to the welfare system is going to improve it. It is so bad that any change is going to be better.

Mr. WILEY. Again let me remind you, the Congress has just made one that is not.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Are we really seeking a world where everybody has a chance to a job, has a right to a job? Everything we have in the welfare system says, "Do not work, you are better off this way than you would be if you tried to work." So we are completely wrong. We must do something that makes it better.

Mrs. SANDERS. Could I say one thing?

Representative GRIFFITHS. I want to ask you a technical question.

Do you live in an apartment?

Mrs. SANDERS. That is what I want to talk to. I live in public housing.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Do you live in an apartment?

Mrs. SANDERS. An apartment.

Representative GRIFFITHS. In that apartment, is there a washing machine that you can pay to use?

Mrs. SANDERS. Yes. But the point is I have 50 families in my building.

Representative GRIFFITHS. And how many washing machines are there?

Mrs. SANDERS. Three.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Now, let me ask you, is there a laundromat any place close to you?

Mrs. SANDERS. Yes; but you see, the point you are trying to make—let me clarify you right now. I work 16 hours for the movement, with no pay. One of the requests that should be made is that I should have a machine to keep my kids clean, because they have to go to school.

Representative GRIFFITHS. One of the things I discovered in the city of Detroit in the ghetto area is that there are no laundromats.

Mrs. SANDERS. I have to walk three blocks to a laundromat.

Representative GRIFFITHS. The point I want to make is, why does not industry come in and bring laundromats?

Mrs. SANDERS. I cannot answer that. I do not know why.

Representative GRIFFITHS. But the point is there are washing machines close to you?

Mrs. SANDERS. Three or six blocks.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Would you have to walk and carry clothes?

Mrs. SANDERS. Yes.

Representative GRIFFITHS. It seems to me that is quite a long way.

Mrs. SANDERS. The department does not buy me a shopping cart, either.

Representative GRIFFITHS. How close are you to a decent shopping center?

Mrs. SANDERS. To a decent shopping center, four blocks. I live in an urban renewal area, where everything is just atumble. They are putting middle-class people in and they are pushing the poor people out. It just happens that—I have stated this over and over again—that I hap-