

Senator PERCY. Do I take it you would disagree with the family allowance suggestion made by Mr. Dumpson, that there be a children's allowance provided and that this would be totally in disagreement with the spirit—

Senator PROXMIRE. Would the Senator yield? In the first place, I want to compliment the Senator from Illinois and both witnesses for a most fascinating colloquy. I think the Senator from Illinois' questioning has been extremely skillful. It has been one of the best examples I have seen in the 11 years I have been in the Congress of a very fine and competent job of bringing out very pertinent information.

I interrupt the Senator only to say that I have to leave and that he is now in charge. He deserves the promotion.

Senator PERCY (presiding). This is when the Republicans seize control. We have been waiting for this. Thank you very much, Senator Proxmire.

Could I learn now whether or not you do oppose children allowances and take the position and put the Liberty Lobby on record against children allowances?

Mr. HICKS. I could not do that, sir, because we have not taken a vote which, to my knowledge, would directly reflect the feelings of our board of policy membership on this question.

Senator PERCY. Well, do I interpret your testimony as being opposed to any form of, as you call it, socialistic system of allowances? I think if I read it correctly, you said any form of negative income tax, guaranteed annual wage, or whatever it may be.

Mr. HICKS. That is right, sir; yes, sir.

Senator PERCY. Do I interpret you, Mr. Dumpson, as saying you believe in some form of income maintenance and you want it to take the form of children's allowances?

Mr. DUMPSON. Unqualifiedly; yes.

Senator PERCY. Do you or do you not oppose, then, Mr. Dumpson's proposal for minimum maintenance, sustenance, for a family based on number of children?

Mr. HICKS. I cannot, sir, because our board of policy has not, to my knowledge, cast a vote directed to this particular point.

The problem here is that we do have a form of allowance for children already in existence in the country in the form of the income tax exemption.

Senator PERCY. Right. And ADC.

Mr. HICKS. Yes; and existing welfare programs, right.

Senator PERCY. Do you support ADC?

Mr. HICKS. We have taken no vote on that, either, sir.

Senator PERCY. In principle, would you say your inclination would be to support it or oppose it? Do you think there is anything wrong in principle with ADC as a system?

Mr. HICKS. I would think that I would find much to object to in the technical ways in which it is administered and its lack of connection with offsetting controls that would do something to discourage the high rate of illegitimacy in this country as opposed to encouraging it.

Senator PERCY. As Mr. Dumpson suggests, we have an allowance for children; do you feel that this would provide further incentive for more illegitimate children?

Mr. HICKS. No, sir; not more illegitimate children.