

## INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1968

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISCAL POLICY OF THE  
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,  
*Washington, D.C.*

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:05 a.m., in room S-407, the Capitol, Hon. Martha W. Griffiths (chairman of the subcommittee), presiding.

Present: Representatives Griffiths and Rumsfeld; and Senators Proxmire and Percy.

Also present: John R. Stark, executive director; James W. Knowles, director of research, and Nelson D. McClung, economic consultant.

Representative GRIFFITHS. The subcommittee will come to order.

Gentlemen, I want to express my appreciation for your being here. Thank you very much.

Mr. Hayes, will you begin?

STATEMENT OF RONALD C. HAYES, INCOME MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES (DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE, LANSING, MICH.); ACCOMPANIED BY MSGR. LAWRENCE J. CORCORAN, SECRETARY, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Mr. HAYES. Madam Chairman, members of the Subcommittee on Fiscal Policy, I have with me Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran, who is Executive Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities. He will be able to assist me and answer any questions you may wish to ask.

Representative GRIFFITHS. Thank you, Monsignor, for coming.

Mr. HAYES. The case I present today for a guaranteed minimum income represents the current thinking of the Income Maintenance Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Charities of which I am a member. This committee was created over a year ago to study the various proposals for guaranteed income maintenance. Our committee has attempted to examine the issues involved primarily from the vantage point of philosophy and theology and toward the goal of social justice. We have done a great deal of study and expect to finalize our recommendations for the National Conference of Catholic Charities within the next few months.

By guaranteed annual income we mean a federally assured income provided to all who are unable to work, unemployed because of lack