bill is passed, is that, relatively, the dollar is weak compared to gold. We are not taking the cover off at a time of strength, and I want to add a caution that we should have done it when the dollar was strong. We are now doing it when it is weak and, therefore, we run some risks.

Representative BOGGS. None of you can see any happy results if the Congress fails to pass the bill?

Mr. BUTLER. That is right.

Mr. BEHRMAN. Correct.

Representative BOGGS. Mr. Chairman, I want to congratulate you for having this hearing today. I came here specially because the very subject that we are discussing is now being considered before the legislative committee which has jurisdiction, the Ways and Means Committee. The committee is meeting now, so after my little time is over I am going to have to make my departure, but I would like to ask a few questions about the balance of payments, because, as I say, the legislative committee has the subject before it right at this moment.

I want to talk to my good friend Professor Behrman. I have worked very closely with him for many years and have great respect for him. I do not quite understand what you recommend.

In the testimony that I have heard so far, I have heard a great many witnesses against the regulations which have been issued relative to capital investment abroad. Already the mail is coming in in great volume on the proposal with respect to travel in the developed countries. Tariff barriers are being erected to American exports all over the world. I went into this subject very closely last summer in my subcommittee on this committee, meeting with all kinds of protests everywhere. What alternatives do you give?

If I may say so myself no person has worked any harder for freer trade between the nations of the world. Yet, I must say, I am terribly concerned by these artificial barriers that our European partners are erecting to American goods, and I am not certain that this total investment abroad, which certainly does have an impact upon domestic employment, is the answer to this question, so what I would like you to do is to tell what you are for. I think I know what you are against.

Mr. BEHRMAN. As far as where we should move from right now——

Representative BOGGS. That is where we are.

Mr. BEHRMAN. Right. I agree. Let us take it from there.

Representative BOGGS. Politics is always the possibilities of the present.

Mr. BEHRMAN. Yes. The first thing which we need to do is to lay out a program domestically.

Representative BOGGS. What program?

Mr. BEHRMAN. Including the ones which Congressman Mills has insisted on.

Representative BOGGS. That means reducing expenditures?

Mr. BEHRMAN. Yes, sir.

Representative BOGGS. Where?

Mr. BEHRMAN. In the total budget.

Representative BOGGS. I know; but what programs?

Mr. BEHRMAN. You want to know exactly which items in the total budget?

Representative BOGGS. Surely; and how much.