

I am coming back now to my last remarks that the efforts of the administration to implement the jobs available statistics were feeble.

Isn't the real reason the administration has not pushed the jobs available statistics because of the opposition we have from the AFL-CIO?

Secretary WIRTZ. No. I make no bones about it. I have pushed those in complete disregard of and because I disagree with their position, and so has the administration. What the influence has been on the Congress, I do not know.

Representative CURTIS. Mr. Secretary, this, then comes around to the definition of what you interpret to be push, and what I would interpret to be push.

When the administration really wants something, we in the Congress have learned what happens.

Now, I do not think the President has ever spoken out personally on the importance of jobs available statistics, nor do I recall that you have ever made any public statement—except under cross-examination. But, can you direct me to one of your speeches where you talked about the need for jobs available statistics?

Secretary WIRTZ. Public speeches—I will try to find those. It is not the kind of thing that most audiences care about.

Representative CURTIS. Mr. Secretary, I am interrupting so that we will be sure you get the gist of my question. I am now talking about what you mean by pushing.

Secretary WIRTZ. I have argued myself black in the face with the Appropriations Committee, and the President's budget that—

Representative CURTIS. But you did not even submit a bill or request—

Secretary WIRTZ. Not this year.

Representative CURTIS. No; nor the previous year. As a matter of fact, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Appropriations, a very good friend of mine, John Fogarty—

Secretary WIRTZ. He was against it.

Representative CURTIS. Yes. And the AFL-CIO is the only organization that spoke before our subcommittee against the jobs available statistics. They are opposed to it, and frankly, this is what I identify as the reason the administration has not been forceful in getting this through.

We are talking about \$21½ million, I think. And you are already talking about half a billion dollars that you are planning to spend for job training and so forth.

This is how ridiculous it really is. This is a vital part of job training—not just manpower development training, but what might be done by the private sector.

That is the context in which I have been raising this.

Secretary WIRTZ. I understand.

Representative CURTIS. Well, now let me ask whether or not the Department of Labor has issued a report on the Human Investment Act, which is a bill that has been introduced by many Congressmen and Senators. The first question is: Has the Department made a report to the committee on this?

Secretary WIRTZ. I do not recognize the legislation.

Representative CURTIS. Well, the legislation is to try to encourage