

JOB CREATION PROGRAMS

PART IV

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In looking at the work of the Job Creation Branch, the Commission turned its attention away from the traditional policy objectives of reviewing a series of major public programs developed by that Branch. Mr. Nelson described the job creation programs that are:

The first condition for the job creation program is that it is a public initiative. We believe we have the right to control the expenditure of our money.

At the end of 1975 as a result of the reduction in government expenditures arising from the anti-inflation program, most of the programs of the Job Creation Branch controlled by the Committee in reviewing the Budgetary activities of 1975 were closed or in the case of Operation for Youth, were terminated. The Commission's views on these programs are included and have been included.

The Job Creation Branch was created in 1974 as being under unified administration, three distinct programs designed to reduce unemployment. The programs themselves are: (1) Operation for Youth, (2) a program for the unemployed which was transferred from the Department of Education to Skills, Local Industries Program (LIP), essentially a winter work program, and Local Industries Assistance Program (LIAP), a program directed toward raising the level of work skills of the unemployed and underemployed.

The objective of these programs was the belief that a flexible approach was required to deal with the chronic character of unemployment. The innovative aspect of the approach was the reliance on government-financed intensive national community groups and organizations to organize and coordinate labor interest groups. The government would pay a grant to cover the re-organization of the programs. In the beginning the prime reliance was on the re-organization of the programs for the benefit of the prime reliance to quality jobs, which was the main objective of employment for those who were unemployed.

The tightening of expenditures by the Minister between 1975 and 1976 moved the LIP and LIAP programs to the top of the list of programs to be reviewed through the committee program. The review was completed through a series of the Minister's requests and through the review of the LIP and LIAP programs for the payment of grants. In the summer of 1976 the review of the LIP and LIAP programs was completed and the Commission's report on the LIP and LIAP programs was published.