

DAN QUAYLE

Training Jobs Hearings - 3rd Day

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Hawkes<sup>145</sup> says 200 people have been turned away, so those people who have been alloed to testify are "select group."

Hearings kick off with fewer spectators, no Senators and Weiss, Jeffords, (Petis) DeNardes and Fenwick. Petri comes, sits for 20 minutes and goes, same as yesterday. No cameras.

Cynthia couldn't tell me where Dan would be this morning. "Barbara has been telling him that Charles Walker will be at Budget and that this is his one chance to ask Walker some questions he's been anxious to ask. If I had to bet, I'd say he'd go to Budget first. But we'll see who wins. He also has a pension hearing he wants to go to."

Labor guys attack admin. program - they defend CETA - they dislike the emphasis on governors and business groups - attack private sector - labor unions should have role. AFSCME is strong in this respect.

I leave hearing at 9:30, go back to office to find Dan back there and wait for him and we drive back to House side at 10:30. The labor panel is still on.

"We've got the Administration going haven't we."

We talk about Kennedy and King. "He just doesn't like Kennedy. He could have answered the question very quickly. Isn't King up and isn't Dukakis running against him. He just didn't want to give Kennedy anything, I guess. Kennedy doesn't want King on the ticket. He pushed King didn't he."

I asked if admin. could be leaning on King. "No, Orr was very forthcoming. And King's a Democrat."

I told him I had been over there and seen the labor people. They aren't very interesting. I'm more interested in what the businessmen have to

say. In our private negotiations they didn't contribute a thing. There's nothing in it for them. They aren't interested in our approach because there's nothing in it for them. They want public service.

"Donovan came to my office. We went through the bill and there are five things we disagree on. I asked him to put them down on paper. They don't want to do that. They say there are five things but it's like an eel trying to pin them down."

"We're going to markup on Thursday. I want to get moving. I want to report a bill out by Easter. I hope Kennedy will agree. I'll have to talk to Kennedy about that. I think his staff knows. I want to move fast; before everything gets all backed up. I also want to put the administration's feet to the fire to see what they will come up with."

He rehearsed the hearing with the Mayor of Baltimore, how he asked him about who would be chosen and he said same person. "You heard how I led him along and said finally OK the mayor of Baltimore will be recorded as against any training program. (Chuckled) Don Fraser was very mild about it. He knows he can work with the businessmen in his community."

"One of the big issues will be over the role of the pics. We want to give more responsibility to the pics."

"There's going to be a problem with stipends. The administration has in there more emphasis on tax credits. They don't want any stipends. I don't care about them. We put them in as a concession to Kennedy. Maybe he will yield on them. I don't know. But tax credits emphasizes employment more than training. What I'm afraid of is that the President will get the idea in his head that he doesn't like stipends and doesn't need training and that he'll veto our bill."

*Letter to PR*

"I think the hearings are going well."

"On eligibility, the governors wanted to open up the administration's narrow eligibility standards. DuPont wanted more flexibility. I think I can use DuPont and the governors to work on the Labor Department to open up the eligibility some more."

He sees the whole problem, now, as his bill versus the administration bill. That was the burden of his first comment to me and the thread of the whole conversation.

Quayle asks labor panel what they think benefit of an extension of CETA (which they advocate--or some do). He tries to suggest to them that there are opponents of CETA in Congress and that they would seize upon any extension recommendation as chance to attack whole idea of training. "And believe me there are plenty of opponents in the Congress." He says that politically an extension can't pass Congress. "It's imperative that we all get in the same boat and row toward a changed structure."

Labor people don't seem very aware of his point. He is really trying to educate them to his belief that his bill is the best deal they can get and they should support it.

Hawkins nudges Quayle in the other direction by asking what would happen if no bill passes. Won't CETA be continued for a year if no bill passes. (An effort to slow Quayle down a little bit.) Dan says that under the continuing resolution, the situation is that if neither house passes any legislation, CETA continues. And he says that should that happen, there will be an attack on training altogether. That would be very unfortunate, he tells the panel, because "I can hear" the argument that if Congress can't agree let's do away with it altogether. Then Hawkins asks what happens if one House does pass a bill and congress can't agree on a bill. Dan says then the continuing resolution would apply and--it wasn't clear what that consequence would be. CETA extension, I guess. *Yes - 1 yr same level of funding*

Hawkins asks about details of programs of CBOs and invites criticism of administration.

Dan asks Rev. Sullivan about stipends problem. Says OK's in Indiana have been successful without stipends and that it's a big issue in the legislation. Sullivan's group is philosophically non-stipend and he tells Dan that they have a no stipend approach, but he doesn't want that to be the overall approach.

I leave. Quayle, Hawkins, Weiss left.