

With those remarks, I will not bore you longer.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Dr. Bennett, for your appearance and the testimony you have given.

**STATEMENT OF JOSEPH SWEENEY, REPRESENTING THE CHILD WELFARE BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

Mr. SWEENEY. I am Joseph P. Sweeney, president of the County Child Welfare Board of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. I am here today in the particular interest of the dependent and neglected child. In Cuyahoga County we maintain a county welfare board giving foster-home care to approximately 2,800 children.

Under section 703 of this proposed act we believe that there are provisions that will make for a future program in the care of the dependent and neglected child such as has never heretofore been proposed. It contemplates Federal cooperation which may well be considered as Federal leadership, backed up with Federal money. It is bound to arouse our States to a particular interest in the dependent and neglected child, and will surely stimulate local interest throughout the States in carrying on this very important work.

We appreciate that in our locality we are in an urban community. We understand that in the rural communities in the State of Ohio this type of work is in a practical state of collapse. We can appreciate its value. I firmly believe that each and every agency interested in the welfare of children or mothers may well support this act in its existing form, because it is going to make for a new day in the care of our dependent and neglected youngsters.

That is all I have to say.

The CHAIRMAN. We thank you, Mr. Sweeney, for your appearance and the information you have given the committee.

Miss LENROOT. This completes the testimony unless Miss Church wishes to be heard in the same way as Dr. Bennett. Miss Church, I think, has something she would like to have Dr. Bennett deal with in his extension of remarks, unless you would prefer to have Miss Church speak. She is here. She could file something with Dr. Bennett in his extension of remarks, since it will be on the same subject.

Mr. VINSON. I suggest that Miss Church be permitted to file it as her own statement.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection it may be filed.

Miss LENROOT. That completes the testimony.

The CHAIRMAN. At this time the committee will go into executive session.

(Whereupon, at 12:20 p. m., the committee went into executive session.)