

MINUTES OF URBAN COALITION ACTION COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 1969

The meeting of the Urban Coalition Action Council Executive Committee was called together at 3 p.m., John W. Gardner presiding...

I. Public Service Employment. This is a priority item for the Action Council. Particular attention of late has been paid to how business community support can be brought to bear on this matter.

The concerns of businessmen and what faults they find with the concept of public service employment were reported on. Discussion then centered on how these criticisms can best be factually answered. Attached is a report of the lobby strategy reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

II. Foundation Tax Issue. The legal implications of the bill as it now appears and what progress has been made in changing injurious language in the bill were discussed. It was the view of the Action Council that although Foundations are in better shape than they initially were when work first started on the bill, there are still many liabilities to it which would severely restrict the Coalition and many other such organizations' activities. Continued efforts to win modification of the bill in the Senate were approved. Attached is a report on current action of the House Ways and Means Committee.

III. President Nixon's August 8 Statement on Welfare and Other Domestic Issues. A most spirited discussion ensued on the pros and cons of the President's message to the American people.

The Executive Committee adopted a position on the strengths and weaknesses of the President's proposal which were incorporated in a statement released to the press. A copy of the statement is attached.