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The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was created in April, 1953. At that time it was a department of rather modest size and, while its programs were varied there were not too many of them for one central office and one cabinet officer to keep in reasonably close contact with them all.

During the ten intervening years Congress and the Executive Administration have recognized that far too little attention and effort had been given to these important fields and especially the first two, health and education. The new legislation that has resulted from this recognition has vastly increased the size, complexity and importance of the Department. In our hearings on the 1964 budget for the Department I asked for a listing and brief explanation of the legislative enactments of the last 4 Congresses having an impact on the Department's activities. This list, which totals 80 separate laws, appears on pages 1290 through 1306 of Part 1 of the hearings record.

The first annual appropriation act for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was for fiscal year 1954. It included appropriations for 49 offices and activities. It totaled \$1.7 billion. The appropriation act for 1964 totals \$5.5 billion. Just the part of the 1964 appropriation that would be transferred to the new Department of Health which I propose would amount to more than the entire Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

for 1954 and would include approximately the same number of activities as the whole Department of H.E.W. had in 1954.

In addition, it is quite obvious that this expansion is going to continue. There is legislation that has passed one or both Houses of Congress this year which will add to the existing responsibilities provided for in the 1964 appropriation act in the field of vocational education, aid to impacted school districts, water pollution control, assistance to certain schools of higher education, programs for the mentally retarded and assistance in improving mental health to mention a few.

When Secretary Ribicoff resigned in July, 1962 he said "The man in my job wears 20 different hats a day, runs 110 separate programs and is responsible for 75 separate budget items..... Even the small European countries have separate departments for health, education, and welfare. Their cabinet ministers come to see me and can't believe we're trying to run them all from one office." This was over a year ago. Since then we have added new hats, new programs, and new budget items, and, as I said earlier, it is obvious we will continue to do so. This is as it should be for these are vitally important activities that benefit every person in our Nation. My only complaint is that we have gone too slowly in expanding many of them. However, I am firmly convinced that we have reached the point, in fact that we have already passed the point, where all of this multitude of diverse

activities can be properly administered in a single department. To me it is the height of foolishness to put off the relatively simple action of setting up separate departments of health and education that will undoubtedly result in better, more efficient administration of these vital programs.