

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Are you receiving aid?

Mayor WAGNER. We are receiving Federal funds.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. How much are you receiving in terms of Federal assistance in this general area of fighting poverty?

Mayor WAGNER. We have to calculate that because one-third of our welfare program is Federal assistance. We do receive assistance in some of the other programs—housing, and so forth.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. If you can give us a figure, roughly, of what you receive and also what you receive from the State—

Mayor WAGNER. Federal assistance is more.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I would assume so. How much would you expect to get from this bill? What is the significance of this \$15 million that you say has been set aside for participation in the national poverty program? Of course, there is no reference to New York City in this bill at all. What makes you think you will get any money from it?

Mayor WAGNER. We may not. I realize that I maybe painted that with too broad a brush. This \$15 million will be used for our campaign, part of it would be used, depending on how much is available to us, when and if the legislation is passed. But we will use that money, also, for our own programs. That is not just set aside merely for the amount of money that we might expect from the Federal Government. As a matter of fact, we had hoped to even put a little more in this program, but because of the tightness of our budget, the limit that we could do at this point was \$15 million.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. How much might you expect from this new program?

Mayor WAGNER. As I understand, the ceiling to any State is 12 percent, and we would hope that in all fairness we would receive roughly around half of that amount, because we could have roughly about half the population of the State.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Do you think it is going to be done on the basis of population?

Mayor WAGNER. I think any person who is mayor would argue to try to get as much as he possibly could. I would assume that depends on what is in the final bill and what the agency would set up under its rules and regulations. We have not attempted to calculate any particular figure.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. As the bill is written, eight States might get all the money, and New York State might get none. Do you think some assurance should be written in the bill that your State at least would get some fraction of the total?

Mayor WAGNER. I would say I prefer to see something written in the bill that New York City gets a share.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I assure you there is no such protection for your city or State at the present time.

Mayor WAGNER. I would assume that those who even under the present—I would like to see something even stronger along that line go in the bill. I would assume that those who would be responsible for the program would not ignore the large cities, which have a real problem.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. We assume a great deal, but the trouble is that we are faced with the writing of legislation that will not provide