

Maybe you read the bill differently, but that is what they think.

MAYOR CAVANAGH. No, but it does require this, as I am sure you will agree, on the part of local units of government, on the part of my city, it requires a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to participate in the development of this community action program and to participate in the benefits of the legislation than ever before in the history of our country.

MR. FRELINGHUYSEN. The local governments are bypassed completely. You do not have any say whether a Federal program should come in your area or not.

MAYOR WAGNER said he thought language should be put in the bill that would allow you to pass judgment on the programs, but there is no such authority now.

MAYOR CAVANAGH. I know there is no such authority, and I would agree with Mayor Wagner that there are certain things that I would like to see placed in the bill clarifying, for example, the role of local units of government. Obviously, the intent, as I read the bill, is to require the coordination of existing agencies both public and private on a local basis to participate in the benefits of this legislation. Whether it is required or not, I think it will be and as I read it that is the intent, we have done just that within our city when I pointed out that the president of the chamber of commerce, the heads of our major universities, the heads of our labor unions, the highest ranking clergymen of all the faiths are participating as the policy committee in developing our community action program for the purpose of participating. Now, these are men that are of a different political faith than I am and they still see the benefits of this legislation.

MR. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mayor, how much Federal assistance does Detroit presently receive? Do you have any figures available? Could you supply this for the record if you do not have it with you?

MAYOR CAVANAGH. I could supply it for the record.

MR. FRELINGHUYSEN. I should think every mayor would carry that in his head.

MAYOR CAVANAGH. No.

CHAIRMAN POWELL. Thank you so much, and we again apologize. I hope you do not miss your plane.

MAYOR CAVANAGH. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. LANDRUM. The mayor of St. Louis who is, I believe, next, Mayor Tucker.

Mayor Tucker we are delighted to have you before the committee.

STATEMENT OF RAYMOND R. TUCKER, MAYOR OF ST. LOUIS, AND PRESIDENT, U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

MAYOR TUCKER. Happy to be here.

MR. LANDRUM. You have a written statement. You may proceed by reading it or by submitting the statement for the record and summarizing it just as you wish.

MAYOR TUCKER. I think it is brief. If I may have the privilege I will read it.

MR. LANDRUM. Very well, sir.

MAYOR TUCKER. I am Raymond R. Tucker, mayor of St. Louis and president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In both capacities—