

Mr. LANDRUM. The gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Frelinghuysen.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have enjoyed hearing Mayor Tucker's testimony.

It is not clear to me yet, Mayor, whether you said the conference of mayors has endorsed this bill or endorsed the idea of fighting poverty.

Mayor TUCKER. It has endorsed the program which was initiated under job training.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I did not hear what you—

Mayor TUCKER. I would say "Yes." My understanding is the action of the subcommittee has meant endorsing this particular program and all features of the bill except one.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. What is the one they don't like?

Mayor TUCKER. We believe that local communities, something similar to our corporation on human development, should program and control and have the program under their jurisdiction.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. If you are presenting the position of a conference I should think this would be an essential part of your testimony. How does it happen not to appear in your testimony?

Mayor TUCKER. It did appear in my testimony in the end when I showed you what St. Louis was doing.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Where did you say anything there that there should be a local responsibility?

Mayor TUCKER. I said we have developed a corporation, the Human Development Corp., through which local and private funds shall be coordinated.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I understood you to say that the federally financed programs under title II of this bill should not bypass local governments. Isn't that what you just said?

Mayor TUCKER. That is what I said.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. But you don't say that in your statement.

Mayor TUCKER. It may be a question of semantics.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I don't call this a question of semantics. It may be an inadvertent omission but I should think this would be a significant change you were proposing in the bill. Is that not the case?

Mayor TUCKER. No; I would say it was not either advertently or inadvertently omitted. The thought was that with the statement on the St. Louis program it was indicative of the fact that we felt that the local community should not be bypassed. In fact, I would say, if I may, Mr. Frelinghuysen, that the very purpose of the concept of this Human Development Corp. was the fact that we have many agencies in the community that were the recipients of Federal funds, private funds, foundation funds, working in the areas and doing an excellent job.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. How much Federal money does St. Louis get? Do you know?

Mayor TUCKER. As the previous mayor had made the statement, it comes from so many different sources I do not have that figure in my mind. We have 114 private agencies that receive grants, some from the Federal Government, some from private sources, and from local collections like united funds, things of that character. We have the school board, which is not under the jurisdiction of the city, receiving grants. We have two universities receiving grants. They all do not flow through any local area.