

grants would be channeled through this corporation and they in turn would enter into contractual relationships agencies who are skilled in the area where work has to be done.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mayor, let me tell you I have already had at least a dozen proposals for private, nonprofit effort that have come directly to me as a Member of Congress that I intend to, at the moment, transfer to the Director. It would seem to me that unless we write this into the bill that the Director may well find himself listening to all kinds of people coming direct to him. Whereas if we coordinate it we probably would make fewer mistakes. Would you not agree?

Mayor TUCKER. I think that is true. I think in any setup the local government must be an integral part of the development. I think too—

Mr. ROOSEVELT. I think the author of the bill might possibly be willing to consider such an amendment.

Mr. LANDRUM. I will say that not only will I be delighted to consider it but I assure the gentleman from California as well as the distinguished mayor from St. Louis that steps are already being taken to draft language to accomplish that. We thank the mayor of St. Louis for this very constructive suggestion.

Mayor TUCKER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Again, Mayor Tucker, it has been good to see you. I certainly appreciate your testimony.

Mayor TUCKER. Thank you. May I say I am very happy that my very good friend from across the river came to bolster me and help me and encourage me.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Chairman, may I express my thanks to the committee for permitting me to sit on the dais this afternoon during the hearings to hear the mayors of the two great cities. While I am an Illinoisan and I am a Cardinal fan and a great admirer of the mayor of St. Louis.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. May I add to that that I am always delighted to see the Cardinals' win except when they are playing the Dodgers.

Mr. LANDRUM. We all say that we are delighted to have Congressman Melvin Price with us. He is not only a distinguished Member but an effective Member of Congress.

Thank you, Mayor Tucker.

Mayor TUCKER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. LANDRUM. Now, another distinguished mayor has been awaiting his turn the whole day long. Mayor Walsh, of Syracuse, who has a very fine presentation to make, will come around.

Mayor Walsh, as you well know, your distinguished Congressman Riehlman has been here awaiting a turn along with you, and anxiously wanted the opportunity to present you to this committee. He has, because of another engagement, been required to leave and is now tied up with a group meeting in his office and could not get here for the next several minutes. Due to the lateness of the hour, I have inquired of him if it would be all right for us to proceed with you and let his statement precede your statement. He has so agreed.

With that, we are glad to welcome you to the committee, Mayor Walsh.