

advice as to what kinds of programs might be suitable but once the Federal Government decides which projects they think should be financed there is no comment even from the mayor of the city or the governing body as to the advisability of proceeding. You do understand that, I assume.

Mayor WALSH. Yes.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. You disapprove of that form of bypassing as did other mayors who preceded you today?

Mayor WALSH. I think I may have indicated earlier, Mr. Frelinghuysen, that if we could not have direct control of the program we did not want it.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. I am interested to hear you say it. You are the first one who has said such a thing in so many words. It would make quite a different kind of program than what is contemplated, both because it would not mean a transfer from an environment but because it would be quite a different type of control. Whether a fully Federal financed program would ever be fully locally controlled, as Mr. Goodell pointed out, is open to question. I would doubt very much whether we would be willing to transfer responsibility for the operation of the program that we are financing entirely from the Federal level. Your suggestion is an interesting one and I hope it will receive consideration.

I have no further questions except to again compliment you on your testimony.

Mrs. GREEN. The gentleman from California, Mr. Bell.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Mayor, I am particularly glad to see your statement. I have read it over hurriedly. Part of the reason is because there are so many things that I agree with in the statement. I think you have made an excellent statement. I don't know whether you were here this morning but my questioning of the mayor of New York City, Mr. Wagner, was geared somewhat to this youth conservation program and the style of questioning that I have been carrying on during most of the hearings which is in effect the questioning of the validity, the practicality of this Youth Conservation Corps or Job Corps or whatever you choose to call it, and substituting something such as you have suggested in your statement.

Mayor WALSH. I didn't hear his remarks, Mr. Congressman.

Mr. BELL. I asked him whether it would not be better to have something like the Urban Conservation Corps locally controlled. He, as I recall, indicated that there was some merit to it but he still thought there was merit to having a Conservation Corps throughout the Nation. I didn't get a chance to question him further from there. I note, further, that you left out title III in your mentioning of it.

I assume that is because you are a mayor of Syracuse and not involved in the farm programs and projects and that is the reason.

Mayor WALSH. I didn't really feel competent to discuss rural programs. Ours is a metropolitan area. Although as welfare commissioner my duties took me in all of the 19 towns outside of Onondaga County, I didn't feel that I knew enough about the rural problems to really comment on them.

Mr. BELL. You have no opinion other than that, is that it?

Mayor WALSH. That is right, sir.