

(3) adding a new sentence at the end of subsection (n) as follows: "Premium charges on the insurance of mortgages or loans transferred to the management fund or insured pursuant to commitments transferred to the management fund may be payable in debentures which are the obligation of either the management fund or of the general insurance fund."

MORTGAGE LIMITS FOR HOMES UNDER SECTION 221(d) (2)

SEC. 103. Section 221(d) (2) (A) of the National Housing Act is amended by striking out "\$11,000" and "\$18,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,500" and "\$20,000", respectively.

LOW-RENT HOUSING FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES—TERM OF LEASE

SEC. 104. Section 23(d) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a colon and the following: "Provided, That the term may exceed thirty-six months where the public housing agency determines that the housing leased under this section is needed for displaced families."

LOW-RENT HOUSING—USE OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PRIVATE HOUSING

SEC. 105. (a) Section 10(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended by striking out "existing structures" in the last proviso, and inserting in lieu thereof "private accommodations".

(b) Section 23(a) (3) of such Act is amended by striking out from the first clause thereof the words "an existing" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "a".

APPLYING ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SEC. 106. (a) To encourage and assist the housing industry to continue to reduce the cost and improve the quality of housing by the application to home construction of advances in technology, and to encourage and assist the application of advances in technology, to urban development activities, the Secretary is directed to—

(1) conduct research and studies to test and demonstrate new and improved techniques and methods of applying advances in technology to housing construction, rehabilitation and maintenance, and urban development activities; and

(2) encourage and promote the acceptance and application of new and improved techniques and methods of constructing, rehabilitating and maintaining housing and the application of advances in technology to urban development activities by all segments of the housing industry, communities, industries engaged in urban development activities and the general public.

(b) Research and studies conducted under this section shall be designed to test and demonstrate the applicability to housing construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance, and urban development activities, of advances in technology relating to (1) design concepts, (2) construction and rehabilitation methods, (3) manufacturing processes, (4) materials and products, and (5) building components.

(c) The Secretary is authorized to carry out the research and studies authorized by this section either directly or by contract with public or private bodies or agencies, or by working agreement with departments and agencies of the Federal Government, as he may determine to be desirable. Contracts may be made by the Secretary for research and studies authorized by this section for work to continue not more than two years from the date of any such contract.

(d) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. All funds so appropriated shall remain available until expended when so provided in appropriation Acts.

(e) Nothing contained in this section shall limit any authority of the Secretary under title III of the Housing Act of 1948, section 602 of the Housing Act of 1956, or any other provision of law.

REHABILITATION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT GRANTS

SEC. 107. The second proviso under the head "URBAN RENEWAL ADMINISTRATION" in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1966 is repealed.