

sidered before such actions as that taken by the Federal Reserve Board on December 6 are put into effect. I think you will get a sympathetic ear from the President. And, if you think you need legislation in this area, I am sure that this committee will be sympathetic. I don't think anyone sitting on this committee wants to see housing programs, on which we spend many long hours, destroyed by the willful actions of a one-vote majority of the Federal Reserve Board.

Again, let me say that the bill before us is an imaginative and skillful answer to many of the problems of urban and suburban development. It deserves early consideration by the Congress. And I congratulate my colleague from Pennsylvania, Bill Barrett, for so promptly calling his subcommittee together to work on this legislation.

Thank you, Chairman Barrett.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. Weaver, will you be kind enough now to introduce your associates for the benefit of the members of the subcommittee?

STATEMENT OF ROBERT C. WEAVER, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT C. WOOD, UNDER SECRETARY; PHILIP N. BROWNSTEIN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MORTGAGE CREDIT; CHARLES M. HAAR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT; HOWARD WHARTON, DEPUTY URBAN RENEWAL COMMISSIONER; MRS. MARIE C. McGUIRE, PUBLIC HOUSING COMMISSIONER; AND ASHLEY FOARD, ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL

Secretary WEAVER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, Chairman Patman.

I have with me this morning two gentlemen who have not appeared before this group before. The first is the Under Secretary, who comes first with the credential of being the Chairman of the task force which was appointed by the President in connection with this Department and its program. And he is, as you know, an authority on the matters of the governmental difficulties of our urban communities, particularly with the metropolitan governmental problems and the proliferation of governments which harass us in the urban field. He was formerly a professor of political science at MIT, and now is the Under Secretary. Mr. Wood.

Mr. WOOD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Secretary WEAVER. And the second gentleman that I introduce to you is the Assistant Secretary for Metropolitan Development. He is an authority in land use, and planning. He has been long active not only as a student in this field, but also as an operator, being used in a consultant capacity, being used in a program development capacity. He also served on the task force. And he brings to us some unique talents. And he is the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Charles Haar, formerly professor of law at Harvard University.

Secretary Haar.

Mr. HAAR. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Secretary WEAVER. We have some old friends, as you know, but I think we should have them identified for you again. Unfortunately Commissioner Slayton could not be here, but his deputy, Mr. Howard