

Wharton is here representing the Commissioner of Urban Renewal. Mr. Wharton is on that end of the table. And sitting next to him is a lady that you all know who has been for 4½ years the Commissioner of the Public Housing Administration, Mrs. Marie McGuire.

And sitting next to me on my left is the Acting General Counsel, Mr. Ashley Foard.

And now I have left one for the last, because he is in a unique position. He is both old and new. He retains an old title, which is that of Federal Housing Commissioner, but he has acquired a new title. And that is the Assistant Secretary for Mortgage Credit. Mr. Philip N. Brownstein on my extreme left.

And we are all delighted to be here. And we are all very pleased to have this opportunity to present the administration's program on housing and urban development as embraced in the legislation that is now before us.

With your permission—

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Widnall?

Mr. WIDNALL. Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Weaver, on behalf of the minority, I too want to welcome you here with your aids. We know how competent you are in the field, and the staff you have surrounding you.

When we finished the last housing bill, the omnibus housing bill, I recall I was asked by some members of the press, do you think there will be any housing legislation next time. And at that time I said, well, there certainly should be time to digest some of the things and see whither we are going, but I expect there will be some. But I say now that with three bills before us, the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, and the planned metropolitan development and HUD program amendments, we have a greater mass of proposals before us than at the time we enacted the last omnibus bill. I am pleased that we have started hearings. These are extremely important. And I do feel that they should be full and comprehensive. And as to some of the new ideas that are involved, we should take a good hard look at what you are trying to do in the urban field, though a demonstration bill, I think, is a very worthy approach. There are some parts I would like to inquire about. And I would appreciate some information about it.

Secretary WEAVER. Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Widnall.

Dr. Weaver, if I may, before you start your testimony, lay the ground rules for the benefit of our members. We are going to ask them to give you an opportunity to complete your testimony, and after the completion of your testimony, we are going to give each member 10 minutes in the first round to ask questions. So, Doctor, if you will now start your testimony, we will let you complete it.

Secretary WEAVER. With your permission Mr. Chairman, I shall discuss the objectives and principal provisions of the three bills proposed by the administration to carry out recommendations of the President in his message on city demonstration programs and to improve and extend housing and urban development legislation. These three bills are: the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, the Urban Development Act, and the Housing and Urban Development Amendments of 1966 introduced by Congressman Patman—H.R. 12341, H.R.