

housing, and second that there is in effect in such section or neighborhood a workable program such as is currently a requirement for renewal funds?

Secretary WEAVER. Well, as far as the first is concerned, I think that we are in complete agreement as to the objective. The bill requires that there be an impact on slums and blighted areas, and that there be an impact on low-income families. In order to qualify for this program you would have to deal with areas which have high priorities according to the criteria which you have described. The difficulty here I think is this, if you establish a high-priority system it might require the city to select, as between several areas, that one that had the highest index on these criteria rather than meeting them in general.

Mr. ASHLEY. Why don't you want to do that anyway, Doctor?

Secretary WEAVER. Well, I think there is a problem here, sir. It may well be that the first area that you select for this program may not be the worst area. It has got to be a bad area. It has got to have all the criteria that you mentioned—

Mr. ASHLEY. But you have got a year's planning.

Secretary WEAVER. But my point is this, that it may well be that you not only have a question of tearing that area down where it is bad and rehabilitating it where it is not too bad, but you would also have the possibility of getting your first proposal, your demonstration proposal, a successful one. And it may be that the area that will lend itself to the initial success while you are learning and experimenting may not be the worst area. It has got to be a bad area. And I think you should have that flexibility in order to make the program work.

As to the workable program, the workable program concept is a citywide concept. The elements in the workable program cannot be segmented. But in order for any city to qualify for this it would have to be making use of some of the programs, such as low-rent housing or urban renewal which already require a workable program. So this will be accomplished by the existing situation and while I agree with the purpose of the amendment, it is really not necessary.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Dwyer?

Mrs. DWYER. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Secretary, both you and the President as well as other top administrative officials concerned with urban affairs have frequently emphasized the essential character of an efficient mass transit system as a part of a healthy metropolitan area. Mr. Secretary, do you expect to retain jurisdiction over your Department's present mass transportation program under the President's proposed Department of Transportation?

Secretary WEAVER. I am afraid I won't make that decision, but I think that decision will be indicated, or at least the line of that decision will be indicated sometime this week when the President's message on transportation comes up to the Congress.

Mrs. DWYER. But could that mean that you lose jurisdiction?

Secretary WEAVER. I think you will have to wait until the message comes up.

Mrs. DWYER. Thank you.

Mr. Secretary, I understand H.R. 12341 carries authorization for two programs over a 6-year period. How much are H.R. 12946 and H.R. 13064 going to cost the Federal taxpayer?