

stration cities in the urban renewal program. Now this would come in as a separate kind of activity from urban renewal. However, I hope that the urban renewal programs that are in my district, that are going on in my district, will truthfully meet a demonstration of the work ability and the feasibility, and the desirability of urban renewal. And I think that the Demonstration Cities Act has that same objective.

Secretary WEAVER. I certainly think that it represents an evolutionary step on a higher level of the original concept of the urban renewal approach.

And secondly, of course, the principal ingredient in it as far as the grant-in-aid programs are concerned on which you will compute the supplemental amount is the urban renewal consideration. So it is definitely related. And I would say it is a member of the same family, but a little different type of offspring from the earlier one.

Mr. STEPHENS. I would like to see it put all together in one act, or one amendment to the act. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St Germain?

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, in going over this legislation, the summaries, and the varied opinions and interpretations of the press, I am wondering if perhaps we are not getting into another situation that might be likened to the war on poverty or the OEO, where much confusion abounds, and nobody knows really where they are going or how or why.

With all due respect, in going over the summary of the act itself, I feel that there are so many open ends involved that we may end up just as bad if not worse.

Now, in your testimony, Mr. Secretary, on page 14 you mentioned that:

It is expected that about a dozen metropolitan areas, encompassing several hundred local communities, might become eligible for supplementary grants during the first year. Accordingly, the administration is recommending a first-year program level of \$25 million.

With continued encouragement under this program, about 75 metropolitan areas, having an aggregate population of around 60 million, might qualify for supplemental grants by the end of 5 years.

With such labeling it would occur to me that the office of the HUD has a pretty good idea of what communities are going to be involved; isn't that so?

Secretary WEAVER. No; we do not. We have a pretty good idea, knowing the general situation, of what number would be. But this would be from a universe of maybe eight or nine times the actual number that will come up. If we knew the number that would come out I think we would go about it in a different manner. But I don't think we do.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. And you say you are going to provide the names of the communities that have applied—and there are possibly 60 at this point—to the committee? I would appreciate it, Mr. Secretary, when this is done, if you would provide it not just to the committee itself, but to the individual members. I know that it is an unusual request. But we are all keenly interested at this point in these particular questions.

Secretary WEAVER. These 60-some inquiries concerned the demonstration cities grants. The statement on page 14 of the testimony refers to the supplemental incentive grants for metropolitan planning.