

We haven't run into a similar situation in the 701 program, and I don't believe we will. But we will certainly be cognizant of this issue. And if it does arise, we will make recommendations to correct whatever deficiencies may be there.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, sir.

I see that the metropolitan planning proposal speaks of metropolitan areas as defined by the Bureau of the Census, but gives you power to change that definition. In my own area of Philadelphia, the metropolitan area is defined as including three counties across the river in the State of New Jersey. Would you expect that we would have to get the cooperation of the authorities in another State before Pennsylvania communities could qualify for additional grants contemplated by your metropolitan planning proposal? Is it true that you could divide the area and consider them separately?

Secretary WEAVER. Well, as you know, Mr. Chairman, we have had some experience with that in our planning and our programing for mass transportation, and in some degree open spaces also. I do not believe that it would be possible to get a metropolitan approach in certain activities which would involve the area in which Philadelphia is the center without, for example, involving Camden, which is so closely allied to Philadelphia both physically and otherwise. I would doubt as a general rule that it would be possible to get a metropolitan area-wide approach for Philadelphia which would not include certain parts of Jersey.

We run into the same problem, for example, though of a more complex nature, when in New York City. There you have not only New Jersey but also Connecticut. I think the whole concept of a metropolitan-wide approach falls down if you don't involve with those other two States.

In Congresswoman Sullivan's area of St. Louis you have not only the State of Missouri but the State of Illinois as well which is also involved.

I think our problem here is to get the type of interstate compacts that we have been doing. We would feel that we should assist the localities in getting those agreements and encouraging them in every way possible to make this occur.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Widnall.

Mr. WIDNALL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. Weaver, the rent certificate program, which was section 103 of last year's bill, and which I first proposed in 1964, has gone into action, and I believe there have been some good reports on it. It seems to have stirred up considerable interest. Could you tell me how many rent certificate applications have been approved to date, since you issued the form for that purpose in late October?

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. McGuire would have to answer that.

Mrs. MCGUIRE. I have no figures. We have had applications from 16 communities, formal applications for a total of 3,405 units, and many more inquiries.

Mr. WIDNALL. Of that number how many are waiting approval at this time?

Mrs. MCGUIRE. We have approved six, and the balance are awaiting approval, although some are in the central office and are clearing it now. We have executed annual contributions contracts on three. Only 3 with 75 units have actually been leased and occupied.