

which can be added up to \$2,400 in deductions for a total possibility of \$9,896 maximum allowance for a normal family of five. The rent supplement income limit for a family of five in New York City is \$6,100, according to our latest advisory. This is a differential of almost \$3,100. The present bill would allow a deduction within the operation of the rent supplement program when we get it going.

Secretary WEAVER. Let me try to interpret these figures. In the public housing program in many cities there are separate income limitations for ordinary families that would enter, and for those families which have been displaced by urban renewal and by highways and by other public improvements. I think the figures that you have read belong to the latter category, and I do not make any such distinction in the rent supplement program.

As far as the maximum income at the time of entrance is concerned, we are taking, as the law requires, the gross income. This is written in the rent supplement law at the present time.

So the answer to your latter question would be "No," because of the statute.

Mr. WIDNALL. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. The time of the gentleman has expired.

I will deviate a little bit from my usual rules to recognize Mr. Gonzalez. He was very kind this morning in passing his time and giving me an opportunity to give the other members a chance to ask some questions.

So at this time I will recognize Mr. Gonzalez. And then we will come back to our usual routine.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

First, may I say that I sincerely believe that congratulations should be the first thing in order here for this team of expert witnesses, and personally to Dr. Weaver and the Under Secretary, Dr. Wood, and the Assistant Associate Secretaries, because I feel that this is a real beginning, a real challenge.

Also I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues on the subcommittee and others this magnificent frontispiece from Time magazine with Dr. Weaver's very nice upward, forward-looking aspect. And I would like to say also that the response so far as the grassroots are concerned seems to be or represents itself to be tremendous.

This last Saturday on a less than 24-hour notice we had a meeting in which we had a complete cross section representation of most every political subdivision and agency representation that would be effective in a metropolitan area that comprises about 775,000 people. This morning, as the result of this meeting Saturday, the city council of the city of San Antonio passed a resolution whereby the city of San Antonio indicates its desire to participate as soon as it is feasible. There is intense interest as to whether it does or doesn't become one of the fortunate cities, and whether or not this particular legislation is enacted in the way it is formulated.

In other words, in my opinion, as a Representative of this entire area, may I say that this has caught the imaginative feeling, the spirit and the desire to work as a partnership with the Federal Government.

Now, with respect to questions, I feel that there is one thing that I would like to ask you, Dr. Weaver, to perhaps expand on a little bit.