

Mr. WIDNALL. Dr. Weaver, don't we really have any priorities in this? You made a rather impassioned plea for taking care of the low-income people and preventing the riots which took place last year, and which God knows none of us want repeated. And yet if we consistently consider, and many times grant, priorities to commercial redevelopment rather than to taking care of the cancerous slum housing with our community, we are doing the country a disservice, and we are not getting at the core of the hard matter that we want to get at to improve conditions for our people.

Secretary WEAVER. I think you have to do both. And this was raised by several of the gentlemen who asked earlier questions—Mr. Stephens raised it, and Mr. St Germain raised it—I do not think that you can have a city that is going to survive unless that city has in it more than residences. It has got to have a vital downtown. It has got to have it first in order to make it an exciting place.

It has got to have it secondly in order to have a tax base.

It has got to have it thirdly, in order to have employment opportunities for the people.

So that this phase of urban renewal is a legitimate part of urban renewal in my opinion.

Secondly, I think that most of the residential construction in urban renewal will be and should be for low- or moderate-income families. But I am not willing to say—and certainly would oppose the notion—that never can you build in any urban renewal site for anything but low- or moderate-income housing.

Mr. WIDNALL. Dr. Weaver, I am not proposing that. I do believe that there are priorities involved. And I do believe that there is considerable merit to the suggestion that many of us have made that for commercial redevelopment, that it should be on a loan-repayable basis. Put it back on a paying basis, rather than giving grants or doing some of the things that we do in urban renewal today, and rather than make some of the commercial redevelopment possible with very constant profits to those who go in and take advantage of it. I don't like to put so much emphasis on it when we do not even seem to be catching up and meeting the needs of those who are in the very low income class.

Now, I have got some questions on H.R. 12341.

There are determinations the Secretary will make before he grants Federal financial assistance to the community concerned.

Now, I am sure that this requires considerable elaboration in the future, and we will try to get that from you, too.

But in making determinations, the Secretary is also to give maximum consideration to five different standards. I would like to have this spelled out quite a bit more. Skipping 1, 2, and 3, consideration 4 insists on a program of good community relations and one that will counteract segregation of housing by race and income. I approve of this purpose. But I would like to know how you are going to force integration of families by income. What levels of income are you talking about?

Secretary WEAVER. There is no enforcement of any integration of any type here. What this says is that the plan that comes in will make a significant contribution toward this objective. Now, the way it will do it will be by providing facilities for multi-income family oc-