

cupancy within the program. This will vary from one site to another, from one location to another. And this is again not going to be something that is going to be set up in rigid steps. What we are concerned with here is the result. Each community will come in with a different proposal for accomplishing this, and they will be judged on their performance rather than on the fact that they are stratified to meet a goal or mold that the Federal Government might think in its infinite wisdom it can determine. I don't think we have that infinite wisdom.

Mr. WIDNALL. The agency does not contemplate assigning certain percentages of certain income groups to housing developments.

Secretary WEAVER. Definitely not. I am against all quota systems.

Mr. WIDNALL. As to No. 5 in the considerations, there are inconsistencies on comprehensive programing for the entire urban or metropolitan area. Are you aware that in the Los Angeles region in advance of your bill's introduction, that it was in print, that unless you went to one particular planning official out there you would not be eligible for any HUD assistance?

Secretary WEAVER. I would be very glad to exchange correspondence with you on that. It is a very complicated issue. It has not always been interpreted correctly in the press reports. But I would be happy to let you review the correspondence so that you can judge what that situation is.

Mr. WIDNALL. Apropos of the present urban renewal acts, I know it has been said by some that, contrary to the original purpose of a decent home and decent living environment for lower income people, that it is actually for other purposes, and this was the original purpose of the bill rather than the other that was said in order to get it passed.

Secretary WEAVER. I think that is a misinterpretation of the act. The purpose of the act—a decent home in a decent environment for every American family—not only embraced urban renewal, but it also embraced all the other housing programs which the Federal Government is sponsoring. And it didn't expect urban renewal in and of itself and by itself to do this. I don't mean to say that we have accomplished that. I don't mean to say that I have not been dissatisfied with the progress which we have made in that connection, because, as you know, I am and I have been publicly on record on that score before I came to Washington and since I have been here. But I think it is unfair to say that the act expected that urban renewal in and by itself would do this. It should have been complemented, and it is now being complemented by other programs one of which, for example, is the 221(d)(3) program, and another of which will be the rent supplement program, and still another one of which will be this particular program that we are presenting here, the demonstration cities program.

Mr. WIDNALL. I would hope you would also mention rehabilitation and modernization, which has been very successful in New Haven.

Secretary WEAVER. Definitely. And I say that within the last 5 years, we have pushed rehabilitation and modernization and this particular proposal involves much more rehabilitation than anything else as far as housing is concerned. It is primarily a rehabilitation approach to the residential aspect of urban renewal.

Mr. WIDNALL. If enacted, H.R. 12946 would encourage the use of additional Federal funds by metropolitan regional government with