

used to offset that commitment; they would have to be used for some other purpose.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I do not like to use the word "simply." Let's take a specific case, theoretical case. City X wants to be a demonstration city, and it files—first of all, they have to somehow or other get some funds to prepare an application to find out whether or not they can be qualified as a demonstration city. We will get to that as my next question. But let's say that they are now being considered under the seven or eight points as a possible demonstration city under the acts as passed. And it is very important that the planning funds that they have received for urban renewal projects—at one point on the urban renewal project they get their planning funds, and their plans are being prepared. And they finally submit them to the citizens of the area, and this is approved.

In the meantime, you are processing the application for a demonstration cities' grant.

At which point is this ruled out, the funds of the Demonstration Cities Act to supplement the cities' or the communities' local share of the urban renewal project?

Mr. FOARD. I think it would depend on whether the cities had made a commitment to furnish those funds or not.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. At which point have they made the commitment, and at which point do you compare the two dates? Have you resolved that one?

Mr. FOARD. I don't think—

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Mr. Secretary, I don't know if you are perplexed at my question or the problem.

Secretary WEAVER. I am perplexed by your question.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. All right, here is the point, Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Foard. An application is made by a city for urban renewal, for consideration as a demonstration city, and at the same time there is in process an application for an urban renewal project. Which of the two dates are going to control, the date of the application or respective applications, or the date that final approval comes through for either one or both?

Mr. FOARD. I am sorry, I don't understand your question. It would not be the time of application, and would not be necessarily the time of final approval. It would be the time when the local commitment has been made for the funds for the project.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. What would you consider as being the time that the local commitment is made?

Secretary WEAVER. I think we will have to come back to you on that. I think the real point here is, that the demonstration program is not to be used to permit the city to cut back its present level of expenditures. The basic thrust is that the city cannot, for example, reduce the amount that the city is paying for police protection, because it is going to use some of the supplemental funds for police protection. I grant you that that isn't precisely what this language says, but this is the main thrust of the "Maintenance of Effort." As to what this is I will have to check it out.