

Mr. WIDNALL. I am sorry to hear that. But I don't think that this was concerned with hospitalization.

Mr. SLAYTON. My only point is that I haven't had a chance to check into this as to its recent status.

Mr. WIDNALL. One other thing: H.R. 13064 was introduced on February 24, 1966. It contains 38 pages. And to the best of my knowledge the bill itself was not available until this morning. There was a committee report available as of Friday. It is the longest bill that we have before us. It is extremely important. And I think that to do ourselves justice in the committee, we certainly should have the opportunity in the future to go into proposals that are in this bill, in the new section. We haven't had much opportunity to date.

Secretary WEAVER. I think that I would like to add—

Mr. BARRETT. Doctor, I wonder if the gentleman would yield to me?

At the conclusion of today's hearings we are going to ask you and your staff to be on a standby basis. The subcommittee may want to bring you back at a later date, and at that time we would have an opportunity to ask further questions on the bills.

Secretary WEAVER. May I point out one thing in connection with what Congressman Widnall says, that 30 pages of the bill are devoted entirely to conforming the existing legislation to the new situation due to the existence of the Department, and it is therefore a technical matter, not substantive.

Mr. BARRETT. The standby position, Mr. Secretary, is agreeable with you, is it not?

Secretary WEAVER. Certainly.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St Germain.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, I would like to say that we are happy to see Mr. Slayton back on his feet. And it would be nice to get him on the other end of the line when we call his office. And we want to thank the Secretary for his help and his patience in answering our questions today. The concluding question was this, Mr. Secretary: First, in section 4 we have a comprehensive city demonstration program, the requirements for eligibility; and then in section 5, we have got the national assistance for planning comprehensive city demonstration programs. I am a little confused here as to which is the buggy and which is the horse. How does a city begin to get recognition to a point where they can be given financial assistance? Because, let's be realistic in our conversation, Mr. Chairman, I feel that the applications that are submitted by the cities that would like to be considered as demonstration cities are going to be rather lengthy and costly to prepare. It is not going to be an easy method.

Secretary WEAVER. I think the procedure will probably answer both of your questions. The procedure we contemplate is that the cities which are interested in this will come in with a general proposal. Not a detailed plan but a proposal which will indicate what they hope to accomplish, and in general the methodology that they will use, and, also, some indication of what resources they have as far as getting the necessary cooperation, et cetera, to do this.

Then on the basis of this, there will be the selection of cities which will receive planning money to perfect this. And the planning comes