

He became an expert in the legislative process, and now have proved his outstanding ability in the administrative field, and as a mayor of Newark.

I want to tell you, Mr. Mayor, we greatly miss you on this subcommittee. But in any event, our loss is, of course, Newark's gain.

And I might point out that since he was senior to me on this subcommittee, I cannot help feeling a little bit of gratitude to the people of Newark, since if Newark had not claimed him, it would have given him the pleasure of sitting in the chairman's chair on the Housing Subcommittee today.

I want to say, Mr. Mayor, everybody on this subcommittee has great respect for you, admires you, and certainly greatly appreciates the fine job you are doing in the city of Newark. And I am quite sure my good friend and your good friend, Mr. Widnall, would like to make a remark.

Mr. WIDNALL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My longtime friend, this is the first time I have seen the members of our subcommittee fighting over who was going to introduce the witness first. We miss you very much. In the years that you served on the Banking and Currency Committee, you made a great contribution. And you showed interest in those very serious problems that plague our cities. And your interest was not just concentrated on the cities. During the time that you served the record will show your deep concern.

Frankly, I cannot understand why anybody would want to be a mayor of a big city in America today with all the problems that they have. And I think you weather them well, and that in your office, from the comments that I have heard, you are doing a fine job toward solving those problems.

We hope that you will counsel with us and consult with us and give us the benefit of your advice.

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Widnall.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Fino?

Mr. FINO. Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to be given this opportunity to greet our mayor. I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting him 14 years ago when I first came to Congress. And I want to say that my membership on this committee is attributed to him, because he interested me in becoming a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, particularly the Subcommittee on Housing.

I want to make one observation. I recall that when Mayor Addonizio was a Member of this Congress he was always seeking ballots. Lately, we have been reading in the press that he has been dodging bullets.

It is a pleasure to have you with us, Hugh.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you.

Mr. Mayor, we want to ask you first if you will be kind enough to introduce your associates. And after that we are going to give you an opportunity to complete your statement. And, therefore, we would naturally want to ask you some questions.