

STATEMENT OF HON. HUGH J. ADDONIZIO, MAYOR OF NEWARK, N.J.; ACCOMPANIED BY HENRY CONNOR, GREATER NEWARK DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; LOUIS DANZIG, DIRECTOR, NEWARK HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; ALDO GIACCHINO, CITY PLANNING OFFICER; AND DON MALAFRONTI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

May I first say that I am honored to appear before this subcommittee on which I have had the great privilege of serving for many years while a Member of Congress. And I certainly do appreciate those very fine remarks that were made about me here this morning.

On my left is Mr. Henry Connor, who represents the Greater Newark Development Council.

Next to him is Mr. Louis Danzig, who is the executive director of the Newark Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

My extreme right is Mr. Aldo Giacchino, who is the city planning officer of the city of Newark.

And on my immediate right is Mr. Don Malafronte, who is my administrative assistant.

For the past 4 years, as mayor of the largest city in New Jersey, I have witnessed the satisfying results of legislation which was fashioned in this subcommittee.

Today, I would like first to pay tribute to President Johnson, not only for recognizing the great problems that confront the cities of America, but resolving to meet these problems with a comprehensive and coordinated Federal-city partnership.

The strengthening of this partnership is the heart of the legislation before us.

I would also like to commend Congressman Patman for introducing the Demonstration Cities Act and Congressman Barrett for speedily summoning a meeting of this subcommittee.

In the last few years, many Federal programs have been designed to meet specific goals and objectives in our cities. They have been helpful, but often too scattered or too small to make a major impact. The time has come to ascertain the effectiveness of all of these programs when they are effectively combined in a broad problem area.

The Demonstration Cities Act will provide this challenging test. It is vital that we learn to centralize responsibility and achieve the highest level of coordination and it is vital that we do it now. The immensity of the problems of our major cities today leaves little choice. My own city is a prime example.

Newark is a 300-year-old city, with a population of over 400,000 people. It is land poor and tax poor. Only 5,000 of its 15,000 acres are available for residential living and industrial locations. Over 10,000 acres are occupied by tax-free education institutions, hospitals, parks, public buildings, and vast land areas occupied by the Port of New York Authority at Port Newark and Newark Airport.

Like most major cities, Newark has attempted to face up to its responsibilities in providing public housing, urban renewal, job training, economic development, and a long list of social and welfare programs.