

DEMONSTRATION CITIES AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10 a.m., in room 2128, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. William A. Barrett (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Barrett, Mrs. Sullivan, Ashley, Moorhead, St Germain, Gonzalez, Reuss, Widnall, Fino, and Mrs. Dwyer.

Also present: Representative Mize of the full committee.

Mr. BARRETT. The committee will come to order.

Our first witness this morning will be the Honorable Jerome P. Cavanagh, of Detroit, president, National League of Cities, and vice president, U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Mr. Mayor, we are certainly glad to have you here this morning. And if you desire to read your statement, you may do so, and we will ask you questions when you have done so.

STATEMENT OF HON. JEROME P. CAVANAGH, MAYOR OF DETROIT, MICH.; ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT D. KNOX, DIRECTOR-SECRETARY, DETROIT HOUSING COMMISSION

Mr. CAVANAGH. Mr. Chairman, if it is the pleasure of the chairman and the members of the committee, I will proceed with my statement.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Jerome P. Cavanagh. I am mayor of the city of Detroit, and I am pleased to appear before you on behalf of our residents and as president of the National League of Cities, an organization of 13,500 member cities, large and small, and as vice president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which represents cities over 30,000 population. I am sure you have heard this before, but I would like to emphasize right at the outset that the cities of our country, the cities of America, are in need of great help.

This committee responded to past appeals by giving increasing recognition to the wide range of needs generated by the tremendous expansion of America's urbanized areas and the age and decay which is a fact of city life.

As a public official charged with the administration of the Nation's fifth largest city, I have come to know what some of those problems are and the limitations of local ability to grapple with them. If we are making headway, it is because the Congress of the United States has set as our national policy a series of direct grant-in-aid programs.