

We agree the job should be done. Then let it be done by setting it up so that it can be done. And we should recognize that \$2.3 billion is a start—and nothing more. Planning could be speeded up by increasing the funds available under title I for urban renewal and making that money available right now or when the bill is passed. It is not uncommon that a single planning project, undertaken for urban renewal purposes, exceeds \$1 million. It would seem clear that a total authorization of \$12 million will not allow enough cities to undertake the broad planning activity required to participate in the program.

I realize that you will be interested in some idea as to how the program might be applied in specific communities. In Detroit there are a number of alternatives we will be considering. As I mentioned before, the community is mobilizing to involve the public sector and the private sector in a new and grand partnership. We have worked well together in the past in the United Foundation, which originated in Detroit, in the 1968 Olympic drive, in the antipoverty program, and in other ways. As I mentioned, a number of distinguished citizens are participating in this planning at the present time. Mr. Walter Reuther will chair the organization committee made up of distinguished citizens of Detroit. I anticipate that some sort of coordinating mechanism such as a nonprofit corporation or an authority will flow from the deliberations of that group.

The needs are present: we do have decay and blight and congestion. It seems to me that we will be able to work on about 10 percent of our city's housing. This will involve directly over 35,000 of residential units and over 100,000 people. I see new parks and open space where there is today an acute shortage of recreational areas. I see neighborhood family centers with a supermarket of facilities and services including library, recreation for young and old, health, mental health, neighborhood conservation, rehabilitation assistance, and like activities designed to help the residents to aid themselves. I see also in these centers antipoverty activities reaching out into the community to touch the lives of those who have lost hope. I see new street patterns to make our streets safer and to move traffic more swiftly. I see a new Detroit General Hospital replacing the old Receiving Hospital and serving the needs of all city residents with a modern facility. I can see this new community with an anchor of a community college so that the residents of the neighborhood and of the area in general will have a continuing education center right in their community. I see replacement of outmoded water and sewer facilities with a modern system. I see a place of beauty where urban design at its best will be exemplified in the finished product. I see, in other words, a new town within the old town. We will keep what is good, we will improve and rehabilitate what is salvageable, and we will replace where necessary.

This is a grand vision, a grand design, but if we think of a nation with the population of India by the end of the century and if we think of most of us living in cities, then we must not only dream grand dreams but we must also make them come true. With your help, your wisdom, your vision, these dreams can be fulfilled.

We have also reviewed the Urban Development Act of 1966, and I would request the Chair and the members of the committee that we be granted the liberty of filing additional views on this legislation after a more complete study of its provisions.