

mayor or the local agency—participate in the recommendation of names to be considered by the Secretary for eventual selection.

I believe, of course, that the Secretary should have the power to appoint whomever in his judgment is best qualified. But I think there should be something included to assist him in making that determination.

Mr. FINO. Now, the other provision in this bill that disturbs me is the requirement—and that is on page 3 of the bill—the requirement that demands that cities have a plan for social renovation before they can qualify for Federal aid. Now, under this provision the Secretary of this Department will have absolute power to deny assistance, financial support, if he determines that there is no provision for economic integration under this program. And I would like to have your comment on that.

Mr. CAVANAGH. Well, Mr. Congressman, I think during the course of my testimony I probably didn't make as clear as I would have desired to make it, the fact that I think one of the keystones to this legislation is the requirement of a social renewal program. I think this is the one great thing we are lacking in the American city today. Too many of us in the American cities have put great stress upon the physical recharacterization of a city, which is important, and upon the building of new and great buildings, commercial buildings, and new housing, and the like. At times the social or human aspects of the city have suffered.

Now, this is not an easy thing to do. We have been struggling, I think rather manually, with this program ourselves for the last couple of years in Detroit, attempting to put down what we call a social renewal plan. But I think it is most important that we start someplace. And I think this cities demonstration program is the logical place in which this requirement should be made.

Mr. FINO. I am not alluding to racial integration, I am alluding to economic integration.

Mr. CAVANAGH. By that, you mean what?

Mr. FINO. Putting people of low income in a higher bracket of housing and have the Government subsidize the difference between his rental and the amount he can afford to pay.

Mr. CAVANAGH. I think it is difficult, but I think it should be certainly something that we are hopeful of achieving.

Mr. BARRETT. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. Ashley?

Mr. ASHLEY. Mr. Mayor, it is a pleasure to extend greetings to you. I must say that we in Toledo continue to watch with fascination and admiration the splendid strides that your city continues to make.

On page 2 of your testimony, Mayor Cavanagh, you say:

There is much to be said for a national competition of excellence in planning and programing the massive projects required in each city to be selected for this national program.

And on this, I must certainly agree. The ingenuity, the imagination that might be representative in plans submitted, whether or not those plans would be selected for action program, could be of very constructive use. And I take it that this is one of the things that you meant in your statement.