

So whatever we do here, it will be an important demonstration, but under the present legislation, of course, it is minimum.

Mr. FINO. These are residential areas that you are pointing out?

Mr. LINDSAY. Yes.

Mr. WIDNALL. If the funds were distributed to about 60 cities, it would only be a flea bite that you are getting toward what you have to do in New York City?

Mr. LINDSAY. That is correct.

Mr. BARRETT. The gentleman's time has expired. Mrs. Sullivan?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. No questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Fino?

Mr. FINO. Mr. Mayor, getting back to the Federal coordinator, this is a problem that has disturbed me. And I was very happy to hear the testimony of Mayor Addonizio of Newark, and the testimony here this morning of the mayor of Detroit, that they would rather see the local government have a say in the designation and the appointment of the Federal coordinator. How do you feel about that?

Mr. LINDSAY. I think that is right and proper.

Mr. FINO. You and I know that we have had experience in New York City with a city construction coordinator who became a czar, and we had a lot of trouble with him on slum clearance, if you recall. And this is the thing that bothers me. I would like to see the city officials and government have control rather than the Federal Government have control over the large government program.

Mr. LINDSAY. I don't care how he gets there as long as he is good. Naturally I would like to have a say in how good he is.

Mr. FINO. John, certainly you would not want a coordinator that was oriented here in Washington coming into New York City and not knowing where Bedford-Stuyvesant was or south Bronx or Williamsburg or any other section?

Mr. LINDSAY. That is true. A coordinator who has a degree of power ought to be a person who is deeply familiar with the problems of the neighborhood.

Mr. FINO. And the only person or the only agency that would be able to furnish that information would be the local government. It could say, Mr. X and Mr. Y and Mr. Z are capable men who could undertake this responsibility, Mr. Secretary, make your choice. Would you be in favor of writing into the law some provision which would give the city local governments an opportunity to express themselves in the selection?

Mr. LINDSAY. I think there ought to be a consultation on that. Of course, the Federal Government has a massively large stake in this. And of course, it also has the right to have a voice.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Ashley?

Mr. ASHLEY. First, I want to join with my colleagues in the warmest greetings to a colleague who is certainly highly respected and loved by Members on both sides of the aisle. It is so fine to have you back.

Mr. LINDSAY. Thank you, Mr. Ashley.

Mr. ASHLEY. The bill, of course, calls for \$2.3 billion over a 6-year period for what has been approximated to be about 60 cities. And you suggested that the amount of money provided for this bill, \$2.3 billion, be made available in effect in the first year, isn't that correct, Mr. Mayor?