

Mr. LINDSAY. Whatever is most convenient to the committee I am prepared to do.

Mr. MOOREHEAD. Just one more question, Mr. Chairman.

An amendment has been proposed which would further define and refine the criteria which would be used by the Secretary in determining what cities to select for demonstration grants. And the criterion we propose would be the following, which I am going to ask you to comment on whether you favor or propose this type of amendment. The amendment would direct HUD to consider population density, crime rate, public welfare participation, delinquency rate, poverty level, unemployment rate, racial strife, educational levels, health and disease characteristics, and degree of substandard and dilapidated housing—would you think that this amendment would be a helpful one for the legislation or not.

Mr. LINDSAY. As a general guideline, if you wrote in rough criteria of that kind, I think there would be no objection to it at all, and it may be helpful. You know very well, since you have been doing it successfully for a long time now, how difficult it is to write in the statute criteria. And there are some questions as to whether it should be done in a nonstatutory fashion. But I would think a general guideline of that kind might be helpful; yes.

Mr. MOOREHEAD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St Germain?

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to make a general observation here. We are certainly happy to have the mayor of New York here, because of his experience both as a Member here and as mayor of this great city. And then we had Mayor Cavanagh, and Mayor Addonizio. And we are going to have Mayor Tate. This is all very well, Mr. Chairman. But we have perhaps 100 cities in this large category. And I think we are forgetting the little cities.

And this brings up another point. The little cities—the mayors of these little cities are not even aware, I am afraid, of this legislation. And they don't have anyone whom they can assign to study this type legislation.

Mr. BARRETT. I wonder if the gentleman will yield to me.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Certainly.

Mr. BARRETT. The mayor of New York now is representing the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I read that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. And they agree on the statement that you have given, Mr. Mayor, would you say that is correct?

Mr. LINDSAY. I understand that I am sort of representing them. There is not anything official about it. And any other mayor who is a member of that conference would have a right to disagree with anything that I say here.

Mr. BARRETT. But they would not disagree?

Mr. LINDSAY. I am sure that there might be some members at the conference who would disagree with what I say. But I was asked whether I would in my text be speaking for the conference also. And I said I didn't think that was my role really, but if the conference wanted to support what I stated, why that would be fine with me.

Mr. BARRETT. May I just ask the gentleman to yield a little further.