

We will have a number of mayors from the small cities testifying also.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I hope so, Mr. Chairman, because I think it is quite important in the testimony being given by the mayor of New York; I think we could say that 75 percent of testimony tells us about the city of New York, and rightfully so, because it is his city.

In answer to your question, Mr. Chairman, on the desirability of a Federal coordinator, I am afraid that I must say that the answer given by the mayor of New York I disagree with, and by the same token, subjectively I have to agree with him, because he has seated with him one of the very high powered and effective and efficient individuals in the field of community development whose experience is well known to a great many of us. The city of New York can afford to have this man sitting down with Mayor Lindsay at this table. But you take the city of "Squeedunk" with a population of fifty to seventy-five or a hundred thousand people, as I say, the poor man there has not even time to prepare a statement or read this legislation, nor any staff who are competent to read this legislation. So I think the mayor should give consideration, when answering a question as to the desirability of a Federal coordinator, to the fact that the smaller cities don't have—

Mr. LINDSAY. I will ask Mr. Logue to comment on that.

Mr. LOGUE. Congressman, I would begin by suggesting that New Haven is a rather small place.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I have been to New Haven, too; it has the highway, and it has Yale University, and we are putting a great deal of money in its complex. It may be small, comparatively speaking, in comparison to New York. But they were able to afford you, and you paid your way.

Mr. LOGUE. I would like to suggest, Congressman, that you have a very energetic new mayor in Providence who is very concerned about this, and who has asked me and others for advice about how he might reorganize the city government more effectively to do this job. And I think he will make progress.

It does, however, if I may, lead me to call your attention to a sentence in Dr. Weaver's testimony Monday which would cause me great concern. It says on page 3:

Let me emphasize that it will not be easy to qualify for this assistance.

And I agree with your concern wholeheartedly. I think it should be made easy to qualify for this assistance, and easy as possible. And if you are suggesting that one of the roles of the Federal coordinator in the smaller city is to provide this technique and know-how and experience, I would agree with that wholeheartedly. I think what Mayor Lindsay has been concerned about and what I have been concerned about in New York is the absolute enormity of the problem. I don't think that the disadvantaged in the south Bronx should be discriminated against in favor of the ones in Providence, or New Haven, or Boston.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I agree with that.

Mr. LOGUE. I do think you should try to make this easy. And I am personally greatly concerned about the grant formula as one that invites complexity.