

with them, asked them for what they thought was strong and what they thought was weak, and what needed to be improved, and what needed to be destroyed, and what needed to be kept. And in this way we have developed what we consider a very effective device. It may be of some interest to you that in each of the project areas that I have responsibility for this mechanism has been somewhat different, evolved in a different way. But the testimony that comes at our critical public hearings in these two cities has been the determinant. And I may say that I think in recent years there has been a beginning in this direction in the city of New York.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. You are talking about seeking their advice and counsel, et cetera?

Mr. LOGUE. We go beyond that.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. But as to your interpretation of this particular section in this act, do you feel that that would do it? Or does this require that the citizens from the area be made part of the administration of the program?

Mr. LOGUE. I think that is covered Mr. Congressman, in another phase in another way, where it suggests that improvement opportunities for residents of the area be maximized.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. It is right here, it follows, and I will agree with you there, Mr. Logue.

Mr. LOGUE. It directly follows.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I do not think that this is the same thing.

Mr. LOGUE. It is not.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. This, I would say, has to do with the physical, building, let's say, construction. But I still have trouble as to the interpretation of the meaning that should be given to this "widespread citizens participation in the program."

Mr. LOGUE. I would say that that is missing a verb, it should be "widespread citizen participation in the preparation of the program." It is a matter of seeking advice, and I would say seeking consent. But in an informal way, I think that my personal opinion, for which I accept only personal responsibility, is that the OEO has overstructured this.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. In other words, this can present real difficulties, can it not, in that oftentimes you are looking for technical people, with technical qualifications, who are not available, it is unfortunate, but these are the facts of life, and yet the people from the area insist that they should be employed, or participate.

Mr. LOGUE. We have not had this difficulty. It has been recognized as the responsibility of the professional staff to choose the material, but it is the content of that material which is reviewed and discussed with the community.

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

Mr. Mayor, we do not want to place an imposition on you. We realize that you are a very busy man. But Mr. Ashley wants to ask you some questions. And I was wondering if you could not make your staff convenient to him, to communicate with him and answer any questions which might be necessary to help formulate this bill?

Mr. LINDSAY. I should be delighted to do that, Mr. Chairman, either that or to return—I have an engagement with another committee today at 2 o'clock to testify, at least subject to the floor action, and