

Transportation Act of 1964 and supports with equal vigor title III of the proposed Urban Development Act of 1966.

We regard the proposed \$150 million level to carry forward this program in fiscal 1968 as the absolute minimum, just barely meeting the pressing and mounting need for mass transit facilities of our urban communities. The proposed additional authorization of \$95 million is just enough to carry forward the program at that level.

But it is not enough to help plan and develop mass transportation such as bus services needed by many smaller communities. Consideration should be given to an increase in this additional authorization, sufficient to meet this very real need. And let me also say in connection with the mass transit title that in extending and enlarging it, there is no substantial change in its provision. The provisions in the present statute safeguarding labor standards in this connection must be retained and carried forward and effectively applied.

Enactment of the proposed Urban Development Act will make an important contribution toward sound planning of orderly and balanced metropolitan development. But its adoption should be reinforced by full and candid recognition of the fact that plans are useless unless they are backed by resources making it possible to carry them out.

The plain truth is that not enough resources are available now to meet the known requirements and to carry out the already completed urban renewal programs of communities eligible for Federal aid.

The policy resolution on urban America, unanimously adopted by the Sixth Constitutional Convention of the AFL-CIO, held last December, succinctly states our views and recommendations in this regard:

In reaffirming support for the urban renewal program, we note that the authorization of the 1965 act for this effort was inadequate to meet the needs of communities seeking to clear their slums and rejuvenate their blighted and deteriorating areas. We, therefore, ask that the capital grant authorizations be increased by \$1 billion per year for a 3-year period. This increase is essential for urban renewal to bring new life to the decaying central cities and towns, in accordance with their requirements. We also ask for an amendment which would increase the Federal grant from two-thirds to three-quarters of the net project cost.

This is our recommendation that I submit for the consideration of the committee.

GROUP PRACTICE FACILITIES

We support the group practice facilities bill providing for FHA mortgage insurance and for loans to assist in the construction of group practice facilities for medical or dental care. We believe that the adoption of this measure will help relieve the shortage of these much needed facilities. Loans maturing in 25 years, up to 90 percent of estimated value of such facilities, at the maximum title X interest rate, plus title X premium charge, would constitute a safe, sound, and socially useful public investment.

It is widely recognized that the greatest deficiency in this country's health services system lies in the way that medical services are organized and delivered. As the President's Commission on Health Needs of the Nation said in its landmark report more than a decade ago:

The genius for organization, so characteristic of American life in general, is conspicuous in health service in its absence.