

Now, you are faced with not a carrot and a goat, but a carrot and a whole herd of goats. And in that stampede somebody is going to get hurt.

So let's open this up to all of urban America. Let's invite these cities according to well-conceived standards to submit their desires and their capabilities to perform as demonstration cities. Let's develop the model that we are looking for to demonstrate. And then let's take the small city and the geographic area and drop its name, if it wants to try and show it can demonstrate its ability, in a jar. And then let's pick pick out 3 of each jar, 15 or 12 or 20, and let them be the demonstration cities, and get the planning money. We dare not raise the expectations of the distressed urban areas and their political leadership and their people by promising all of them, if they will plan and work, an opportunity to have this marvelous new program. There has got to be some fair and realistic method of selection.

Now, I want to get to the mountain-out-of-the-molehill situation that we are getting into on this bill.

This is a very simple concept. We take the urban renewal program, with we have had 16 years' experience, to improve the urban environment, physical environment, and we coordinate it with the poverty program to improve urban people. And we come out with a marvelous coordinated new program that is the demonstration city program. We are using tried and tested methods and techniques in a very simple plan of coordination.

Now, if you brought Mr. Slayton of urban renewal and Mr. Shriver of OEO down here and asked them, I think they would tell you that that is all you are doing in this bill. If we had enacted in the House of Representatives, as in the Senate, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, the President could have done this by Executive order with no difficulty, putting these two programs together. It is significant that there is no new Federal aid program on top of the 140 or more other existing Federal aid programs dealing with urban governments and their problems and urban communities and their problems, but only a method of systematically dealing with the problem of improving people and their urban environments simultaneously under a coordinated plan.

Now, we are providing some more tools for coordination in the planning and the execution. The key to this bill is that the mayor and council of the city, the demonstration city, will create an agency to coordinate the planning and execution of a project to rehabilitate the people and the physical environment, and will be given 80-percent supplemental grants for the local share over and above the existing Federal share of these projects in order to encourage compliance.

Now, the cities in my State are enthusiastic about this bill. We had one small city and one large one that attended along with some 20 others the briefing which the Secretary of the Urban Department made some 3 or 4 weeks ago. They are enthusiastic. We are going to have four metropolitan cities and 2 or 3 dozen cities that would like to be demonstration cities. They are ready.

Now, I want to emphasize that this is not such a complex and difficult program that it cannot work immediately and smoothly. Let me take one of our cities in Tennessee, the metropolitan government of Nashville in Davidson County. I hate to bring it up and comment