

program, there are none that I know of from the OEO to the urban renewal where there is enough money to go around now. And there has to be an administrative allocation.

Mr. HARVEY. Let me ask you this, then. What figure do you think that this demonstration city program should be funded at? For example, what would be the need of the State of Tennessee, and what are the needs of Memphis, for example?

Mr. BINGHAM. We have not estimated that. The cost in a smaller community would be fairly modest. All of our larger urban communities have urban renewal projects in one stage of planning or another now. They have some in partial execution. And it is possible that they could build a demonstration project right on top of an urban renewal project and other projects that are now going on.

Mr. HARVEY. What figure would it be, Mr. Bingham? Do you have any overall figure as to what the projects could be funded at, or overall figure as to what you think Tennessee's need would be?

Mr. BINGHAM. No, we have not made that type of study. That would be very difficult, because we don't know yet just how many demonstration cities we are talking about. But I want to say, I think the demonstration basis gives an administrative capability of limiting this program to the financial resources available. Of course, I would like to see it much higher. We would like to see urban renewal authorization much higher. I think a good bit of flexibility can be gotten up and down the line in urban renewal, which is going to be the major part of the demonstration program expense. You can get some flexibility by the contract authority, by reinstituting the contract authority fund in urban renewal, and also in this supplemental 80-percent-grant fund of \$2.3 billion. And this will get flexibility.

Mr. HARVEY. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Sullivan?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Chairman, I just want to say to Mr. Bingham that I think he has done a most excellent job in talking about the details of what this bill contains. I think he is the best witness we have had this week on the specific points and actual contents of the bill.

I just wish I had the ability to express my thoughts and hopes as you have done in your oral presentation.

Mr. BINGHAM. Thank you, Mrs. Sullivan.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. I have no questions. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Ashley?

Mr. ASHLEY. Mr. Bingham, on page 5 of your testimony you have stated that a suggestion has been put to Dr. Weaver that "a new program and additional appropriation be provided for loans to other agencies for feasibility studies for water, sewage, and storm drainage facilities to determine the long-range, communitywide needs." Did you get a response from Dr. Weaver in respect to that?

Mr. BINGHAM. No final response. We have corresponded with Mr. Weaver on that. We have had considerable consultation. Frankly, we hope that we might get some interest in introducing an amendment either to this bill or the housing amendments bill before this committee to provide such a program, advances, or loans—we would like to say grant—to the utility general planning agencies of our municipalities, in order that they can make long-range feasibility studies of water-