

Mr. BINGHAM. I would have to agree with your principle. In most Federal aid legislation there is some measure of ability to pay, or means, and some effort at equalization based upon ability. And I would not see any objection. It is always tough on the Administrator to make the decision, opening it up, that the supplemental grant will be up to 90 percent of the local share. I would have no objection to that.

Mr. ASHLEY. It is easy for an Administrator, for a Dr. Weaver, to just say, anybody that comes in with a plan that meets the requirement under the act is automatically going to get 80 percent. But I don't think it is our job to make Dr. Weaver's job easy. I think our job is to try to meet the need in particular communities and try to do it on a basis that is responsible.

Mr. BINGHAM. I think the suggestion has a lot of merit. And it certainly characterizes virtually all Federal aid systems of every kind that we now currently have.

Mr. ASHLEY. Thank you very much. I agree with Mrs. Sullivan, your testimony has been most enlightening.

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

Mr. STEPHENS?

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you very much for coming and being with us.

The gist of your testimony to me seems to be that you believe that urban renewal and demonstration cities in this program give a greater degree of coordination for all of the services for cities and their development. How would you answer the criticism that I have already heard proposed that you have a coordinator for the programs? The proposals made by Dr. Weaver has been that after a project has been approved for a demonstration city, that a coordinator be appointed. I have heard some of the members of the committee call that coordinator a czar. I don't agree with that. But how would you answer the proposition that you would have a complete Federal project run and dominated by your Federal agency? I ask you that because in your testimony you have emphasized the fact that you think these proposals are getting back to the local government and local control.

Mr. BINGHAM. That is right.

Sometimes where control lies is a subtle thing. You don't really know where it is controlled.

Now, under this program the mayor and council are going to control the agency setup. They are going to appropriate the money, and approve the project. And this puts the whole thing right back under the democratically elected governing body of the city, where it ought to be responsible for every service and function and responsible to all the people.

The Federal coordinator has—let's call him an expeditor or something, he does not have to be a coordinator, let's call him the expeditor of the Federal programs. All right. But that is the idea. He is not really going to coordinate anything. He is going to expedite the availability of the various Federal aid programs in accordance with a schedule set forth in the demonstration project plan. There is a scheduling job. And if you don't believe it, run an urban renewal project sometime. There is an intricate job. This is a little more