

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez.

And thank you, Mr. Davidoff and Mr. Cohen for your very splendid testimony here this morning.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

If I may, the subcommittee has been more than patient, and we are terribly appreciative.

But one of the reasons we come up with these amendments is that really the great respect that we hold the subcommittee in. The cliché, you know, "the Executive proposes and the Congress disposes," is only a cliché, and does not apply to this committee. And I think it is clear that, just looking at the most recent history of the Housing Act of 1964 and the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, it is clear that this subcommittee helped really shape all the legislation for the Congress, and improved it by correcting many of the basic flaws in the administration's initial proposals. And we trust that while we are practical enough to know that everything we suggest won't be adopted, we hope that there is a chance for some of the things.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St Germain desires to ask you a short question.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I wonder if you gentlemen heard the question I asked of the previous witness about having a team, so to speak, of expert planners rather than depending—hoping that various communities would have good planning talent, those communities that are chosen—though we would like to go along with you and have all communities participate, say there was 60 or 70 communities chosen, this concept of a team of the best housing planners in the country would be made available to these cities to help them with their plans, so that they could in actuality be demonstration cities, examples or models. I wonder if for the record you would be good enough to give us a comment on that concept. You can send it in to us, because the time is late, and it has not come to your attention previously.

Mr. DAVIDOFF. I would like to comment briefly that I like the idea of getting good planners together, but if planners are not available there are some very specific criteria, and the need is in the legislation to set down the criteria by which the Secretary can determine what he wants of this demonstration, what it should achieve, and those criteria would act as guidelines to the experts brought in to help assist him.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you again. And all time has expired.

The committee will stand in recess until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 1966.)