

copy of this editorial be made a part of my testimony and included in the committee's hearing.

Mr. BARRETT. Without objection, so ordered.

(The editorial referred to follows:)

[From the American County Government]

EDITORIAL—A COUNTY URBAN ADVISER AND FEDERAL AID

(By Bernard F. Hillenbrand, editor)

For the last 3 years we have urged that every county, urban and rural, establish a new position of county urban adviser.

We have suggested these duties:

1. Under the supervision of the county board, and in cooperation with other county agencies, he would make studies, surveys, and reports with recommendations on urban problems such as water supply and sewage, parks and recreation, refuse disposal, air pollution, industrial and economic development, civil defense, police and fire protection, and traffic control.

2. Under the supervision of the county board, and in cooperation with other county agencies, he would help to coordinate the work of all county governmental agencies and private business in bringing a unified approach to the solution of urban problems.

3. He would be responsible for creating genuine cooperation on urban matters between the county and its component municipalities and other county subdivisions.

4. He would, in cooperation with the State association of county officials, universities, and other public and private associations and institutions, make available the latest information on new developments in urban matters.

5. As adviser to the county board, he would serve as principal point of contact between the county and the State on all urban matters involving State financial aid, technical assistance, or other assistance.

6. As adviser to the board, he would be a source of information on Federal, financial, and technical urban assistance to local governments, individuals, and businesses.

On the basis of this last point alone—serving as contact on Federal aid programs—a person could easily pay his way in almost any county. This issue of American county government highlights the 17 new Federal aid programs—urban and rural—that have been created by the 89th Congress. There are up to 200 such programs already in existence.

Each county could profit enormously by having one local person survey county needs, identify desirable Federal programs designed to meet these needs, and finally prepare applications and coordinate the resulting programs.

More than two-thirds of our population is now governed by some 300 urban counties. Even the most rural county now finds that it must deal with urban problems such as planning, zoning, and sanitation.

Certainly every county governing body could use the advice and counsel of someone trained in the often extremely technical urban problems.

We suggest that he be a technician and not a policymaker. He must be highly trained in urban administration. His qualifications would be similar to those of a county or city administrator. He would be appointed by and immediately answerable to the county governing body or its designated chief administrative officer. His entire salary should be paid by the county and not shared with the State or Federal Governments. He would not, in any sense, be a decisionmaker. He would be an urban adviser to the board, the county administrator, the elected and appointed county department heads, and the public at large.

In some of the smaller counties perhaps a county official could be delegated these responsibilities on an ex officio basis.

Very shortly NACO will announce an expanded Federal aid service and it would be extremely helpful to participating counties if as a bare minimum one person in the county were designated as a point of contact on Federal aid matters.

Reactions to the creation of county urban adviser have generally been favorable. Many have pointed out that our urban adviser performs in part many of the duties of the appointed county administrator or county manager. This is certainly true. The urban adviser concept is a "halfway house" approach to the age-old problem of the absence in most counties of legal authority for an appointed or elected county executive.