

want to see people go without these proper quarters because of the time involved and in having adequate regional plans for all these various areas of concern right now.

I think that the bill that you mentioned might be a good one for a stopgap at this time. But I think for the future, the NACO has agreed, as a matter of fact, in the county platform, that many of these items should be done on a regional, cooperative basis, as well as the planning for these regional areas.

Mr. WARD. If I might add, Mr. Fino, currently our association is carrying out a project in conjunction with the Public Health Service to try to encourage county governments to get more active in the problem of water pollution control. We are holding a series of 25 regional meetings one in your home State, one in Mr. Barrett's State, and one in Mr. Widnall's State, this spring to get the county governments more involved with water pollution.

It is probably one of the most critical things facing local government today, and in this study we have visited approximately 60 communities throughout the country and we have come to the conclusion, as have most people who have studied this thing, that water pollution is best handled on an areawide basis, and we would think in the metropolitan area where there is a metropolitan plan for water pollution control, as there is in Detroit, that that should be followed and probably your committee should require it to be followed. In those areas where there is not a plan in existence, we would think it would be appropriate to go ahead and give a supplemental grant to the suburban areas so they can do it now.

The condition is critical now and should be met now.

But as far as having to choose between Mr. Widnall's bill and the Urban Development Act, it seems to us the latter one is more encompassing, has more aspects to it, and we wouldn't want to have to choose, if we were to choose between the two, water pollution is very critical, but these other things and facilities are needed in the community, too, and if they are done on an areawide, cooperative basis, we think a Federal incentive is helpful and does encourage us to get together on a county-city basis and multicounty basis, and work together economically.

With respect to his metropolitan question you asked, we specifically stated in our testimony that even with this increased emphasis on metropolitan planning, it should be made abundantly clear that we are not requiring or demanding the counties or the cities give up the authority of planning for those functions which are strictly within the county itself.

And we think this should go on full force and by doing so we think it encourages the counties to cooperate together.

Mr. FINO. Mr. McDonald, in calling for a single building code in place of the other codes now in existence, you are overlooking the difference in building requirements like in Maine and Florida and Illinois and Louisiana, California, Oklahoma.

Mr. McDONALD. Yes, sir, we discussed that in accordance with the weather conditions and ground conditions and so on. And it would be thought that in this single building code there would be stipulations made as to the areas.