

I think a knowledgeable person to act as coordinator and expediter and a source of information and advice would be helpful in any metropolitan area that has extensive activity underway.

Mr. REUSS. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Reuss.

Mr. Keith, we certainly appreciate your splendid testimony here this morning. We want to tell you that every time you have appeared before this committee, it is most edifying. Thanks very much.

Mr. KEITH. I certainly appreciate it. It is always a privilege to be with you.

Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Our next witness is one of our great mayors from Pennsylvania, Joseph W. Barr, Jr., mayor of Oil City, Pa., testifying on behalf of the National League of Cities and the Pennsylvania League of Cities.

Mr. Barr, would you come forward to the witness table, please.

Mr. BARR. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Barr, it is certainly nice to have you here this morning.

We have quite an outstanding thing in common. I happen to be a Pennsylvanian, and I constantly hear of this great mayor, Joe Barr, from Oil City, by one of the most capable men I think that has been sent to the Congress from Pennsylvania representing the 23d Congressional District of Pennsylvania. I have known him for many years—while he was in the State senate, also interested in the monetary system of the State, as well as the entire country. He has come here, now recognized as being one of the most knowledgeable and capable men on the Banking and Currency Committee. I am quite sure he would like to introduce you to this committee.

Mr. Johnson, would you recommend your very good friend to this committee.

Mr. JOHNSON. I certainly will.

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, it is a great honor for me this morning to have as a witness before this committee Hon. Joseph Barr, of Oil City. I think the Chairman rightfully said he is one of Pennsylvania's outstanding mayors. He is a great booster and friend of urban renewal.

As a result of his outstanding leadership, he has practically made a new city out of Oil City, so that Look magazine recognized it 2 years ago as one of the All-American Cities of the United States, which was a signal honor.

Mayor Barr has devoted himself to the job of being mayor unstintingly and with devotion and at great personal sacrifice. He has not only devoted himself to Oil City, but to the Pennsylvania League of Cities as well.

Again, I say we are very honored, Mayor Barr, to have you here before the committee this morning.