

Mr. BARR. There is no director as yet, but I presume he will. As a part-time mayor, so to speak, working full time, my salary is \$2,500, I don't mind saying.

Mr. FINO. Then for sure the poverty director will get more than that.

Mr. BARR. He is pretty sure to come up to that. I might be looking for that job myself.

Mr. FINO. Now, as to planning—there is nothing in the law or administrative regulations that requires any one agency to be chosen.

However, doesn't the fact that once the Secretary of the Housing and Urban Development approves one metropolitan agency, that makes that agency the determining factor, and the nonjoiners are somewhat penalized by being denied Federal aid for failure to sign up for whatever reason they might have?

I mean do you feel this is the proper approach—this one agency?

Mr. BARR. I am not sure that I understand the question completely. But it's my understanding that the legislation requires that whatever the local agency is which is selected, that the whole program be endorsed and supported officially by the elected officials of the municipality.

Mr. FINO. Well, the concern is that once this agency is created and set up, this is like a union—you have to join in order to qualify.

Mr. BARR. I will have to admit that I am not entirely familiar with the provisions of the act that you are talking about. I would say this, though. I feel rather strongly, and I think it represents our Pennsylvania League policy, that every effort should be made to see that the elected municipal officials—in other words, the city government—be the focal point for this sort of thing. City hall should be at the apex of this whole community development process. I would not endorse the idea of some lesser agency in the community being this focal point. The selection of whatever local agency this is does place that agency right at the center of the whole community development effort. I would prefer, myself, to see the city council made that very agency.

Mr. FINO. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Sullivan?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no questions of the mayor, but I thought he ought to have an explanation of why there are so many absentees this morning, and why I was late this morning.

We were invited down to the White House to witness the swearing in of the new Governor of the Federal Reserve Board. I saw most of my colleagues down there. So that's the reason we were not here to hear all of your testimony.

Mr. BARR. I appreciate your coming.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. What I did hear, I thought was very good and enlightening. I agree with you that we cannot put all of this demonstration money in just the larger cities. I think we should have a number of various size cities in order to make a good evaluation of how this program would work.

I appreciate your coming and telling us your views on this.

Mr. BARR. Thank you, Mrs. Sullivan.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We certainly are grateful for your very fine statement. We appreciate your coming here.