

Mr. WILLIAMSON. I think we have to read more than what you read.

Mr. REUSS. You may put in the whole book. On the basis of those two sentences you and I are not going to condemn Doc Weaver as a Socialist?

Mr. WILLIAMSON. No.

Mr. REUSS. Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Reuss.

Thank you, Mr. Emlen, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Stewart. You have given a very fine presentation here this morning. All time has expired and our next witness will be Mr. James F. Steiner, construction industry manager, representing the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by Mr. Harvey Hallenbeck, chamber staff senior associate, and Mr. Richard Breault, chamber staff senior associate.

Will you please come to the witness table?

It is certainly nice to have you here this morning and your associates. We wish to make you feel at home and as comfortable as we possibly can.

If you are going to read the statement, you may do so. We can ask you questions after you read the statement. It is one statement?

Mr. STEINER. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**STATEMENT OF JAMES F. STEINER, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
MANAGER, REPRESENTING THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;
ACCOMPANIED BY HARVEY HALLENBECK, CHAMBER STAFF
SENIOR ASSOCIATE; AND RICHARD BREAUULT, CHAMBER STAFF
SENIOR ASSOCIATE**

Mr. STEINER. My name is James F. Steiner. I am construction manager of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

I am here to present the national chamber's recommendations on H.R. 12341—the proposed Demonstration Cities Act of 1966.

This bill proposes a city demonstration program for the coordinated use of all available Federal aids; prescribes the conditions under which Federal subsidies will be made available; specifies the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the proposed program; authorizes the creation of an Office of Federal Coordinator for each community having a demonstration program; permits the provision of technical assistance to communities; authorizes grants to cover the full cost of relocation payments to displaced individuals, families, business concerns, or nonprofit organizations; makes funds appropriated available until expended; provides that the Secretary consult with each Federal department and agency affected by each city demonstration program before entering into a commitment to make grants; and authorizes the appropriation of such funds as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the act.

The national chamber recognizes that improving the quality of urban life is among the most critical of nationwide problems. We are working for, and we support action for, greatly increased local leadership in community development and for the continuing modernization of local and State governments. Following my specific comments on H.R. 12341, I should like to discuss actions which the national chamber is taking to speed community development progress.