

strated over the years its determination and ability to meet its mortgage commitments, they should be given the meaningful encouragement which this legislation provides. Outstanding performance must be recognized and rewarded. This subcommittee realizes this, I know, for it was this subcommittee which amended the Housing and Urban Development Act last year, to establish the new management fund. I am confident that you will continue to scrutinize legislative proposals and seek ways to improve them, and I believe that the provisions of my two bills would enhance the quality of the Housing and Urban Development Amendments of 1966.

Mr. Chairman, I should like to thank you once again for the courtesy extended to me this afternoon, and I would be happy to entertain any questions which you, or any of my other distinguished colleagues, may have.

Mr. BARRETT. Congressman Halpern, I do not have any questions to ask you, but I do want to say that you have made a very fine presentation here this afternoon. I am quite sure the committee will give every consideration to your recommendations.

Mr. HALPERN. I thank the chairman.

Mr. HARVEY. I wanted to add my commendation, also—a very fine statement. I have no questions.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Moorhead?

Mr. MOORHEAD. Only to join with my colleagues and say that we have received as I would expect from the gentleman from New York, a very persuasive statement.

Mr. REUSS. This sounds like a heavenly chorus. You make a very persuasive case and I am persuaded.

Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Reuss.

Thank you, Congressman Halpern. All time has expired.

Next, we hear from two very fine distinguished gentlemen from the great State of Ohio, Mr. Karl Hertz, president, Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio, and Mr. Harry Norman, director of urban renewal, Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Hertz and Mr. Norman, it is nice to have you here this afternoon.

May I say that you have sent one of the finest Congressmen that we have yet seen in the United States. He is a very knowledgeable person; he speaks only when he has something to say. He has won the admiration of all the Members in the House.

STATEMENT OF HON. ROBERT E. SWEENEY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. SWEENEY. I thank you for your very nice introduction and to my colleagues who grace this subcommittee. I certainly want to say first of all, I do appreciate the opportunity of coming here this afternoon and have the honor of introducing to the subcommittee and to you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Karl Hertz, who happens to be the city commissioner of the city of Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Hertz is here before the subcommittee to testify in support of H.R. 12341, the city demonstration bill in 1966. He is uniquely qualified to make comment on this important legislation that you are studying, Mr. Chairman. Not only