

Insofar as the question whether mandatory or optional, I would probably indicate that optional would be our preference. We know what our resources are at home, and with the problems that are confronting us as we become an urban nation, I do not know frankly of any city that can stand on its own feet under our present legal structures. But I do think there is usually merit to anything that is optional rather than mandatory.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

For the committee's benefit, we will work under the 5-minute rule this morning.

The Chair recognizes Mrs. Dwyer.

Mrs. DWYER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mayor, you are an excellent advocate for the demonstration cities program, and we are aware of your problems. Now, specifically, how much does your city need in Federal funds to carry out a demonstration city program?

Mr. CURRIGAN. In dollars and cents, I could not say whether we are talking about \$1 million, \$10 million, or what the figure is. For example, the specific problem, which is just one of many, that I did cite in my prepared text, regarding our South Platte River Basin, which, again, is 10 percent of our land area—this feasibility study that is being done, again thanks to Federal assistance, will be done in about 6 weeks. I have no idea what the comprehensive plan—the cost figure, will be put on this particular project.

I wish I could be specific. I cannot be. But I am certain that it is—whatever it is, it is to do the job within, say, perhaps the next two decades—if other than the most piecemeal, we would have to have substantial Federal assistance.

Mrs. DWYER. You wouldn't know how much you would need in the next 6 years, would you, the life of this program so far?

Mr. CURRIGAN. No, I could not give that to you right at this very moment. But certainly while this—I could obtain figures for the committee, and be more than pleased to send them to you for consideration just as quickly as possible.

Mrs. DWYER. Mr. Chairman, may we have that for the record?

Mr. BARRETT. They may be submitted. Without objection, so ordered.

(The information requested may be found on p. 1120.)

Mrs. DWYER. Since you do not know the figures for the city, you would not then be able to guess how much the State would need, or the entire country, for a program such as this?

Mr. CURRIGAN. No.

Mrs. DWYER. The administration, Mr. Mayor, has spoken to us of expenditures reaching \$2.3 billion, and 70 cities. Testimony previously taken from some of your fellow mayors would indicate the general opinion that \$2.3 billion is not enough and 70 cities is too few. Could we have your thoughts on this subject?

Mr. CURRIGAN. Again, it would have to be pretty general.

Again, being closely intertwined with municipal government now for approximately 17 years, I would have to think with the problems of urban America that \$2.3 billion would be insufficient to do the job.