

House of Representatives feel very badly that that went through at that time. I definitely feel that your urban renewal program deserved looking into out in Denver.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to submit some questions to the mayor which I hope he will answer and submit for the record.

Mr. BARRETT. Will the gentleman yield to me?

Mr. WIDNALL. Yes.

Mr. BARRETT. I just want to call attention to the committee and to the mayor that, as I recall, both of the Senators from Colorado approved this and asked for consideration of it.

Mr. WIDNALL. Mr. Chairman, would you yield?

Mr. BARRETT. Yes, sir.

Mr. WIDNALL. That is correct. Both Senators approved it, there is no question about that. Representations were made as to flood losses out in Denver that were going to have to be borne by the municipality, and that they, therefore, were not going to meet their obligations with respect to the proposed urban renewal program. I think this is factual background. And I think since then the flood losses have not proven anywhere near as much as they were represented, and that we have gone into something that should have had a good hard look before it was approved by the Congress.

May I have your permission to submit questions to the mayor?

Mr. BARRETT. You may do so. I am quite sure the mayor will respond to your questions for the record.

Mr. CURRIGAN. If I am unable to, we have the chairman of the urban renewal authority that is with me this morning, and I may or may not be conversant with details, but I will try.

Mr. WIDNALL. I will submit them to you, and you may submit the answers for the record.

Mr. BARRETT. That may be done.

Without objection, so ordered.

(Mayor Currigan's reply to the questions submitted by Mr. Widnall may be found beginning on p. 1120.)

Mr. BARRETT. At this point I would like to submit a statement from Mr. Houston Gibson, member of the Denver Board of Councilmen who asked that it be put in the record.

I would also like to insert at this point a telegram stating the views of the other eight members of the Denver Board of Councilmen.

(The statement and telegram referred to follow:)

STATEMENT OF HOUSTON GIBSON, COUNCILMAN, DENVER, COLO.

Gentlemen, it is with a great sense of awe and humbleness that I appear before you today. I deeply appreciate your invitation to be heard on these important matters.

This is my first visit to Washington and never had it occurred to me that I would ever stand in such a place as this, much less be afforded the privilege of addressing some of the leaders of our Nation represented by you gentlemen here today. I have come alone and at my own expense. I feel much like the little lady of the Bible who championed the cause of her people before the king. The Book of Esther, chapter 4, verse 16, "and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law, and if I perish, I perish." She found favor in the eyes of the king and was granted her request. I trust I may receive your favor.

As far as I know, my appearance before you today is unprecedented in the history of Colorado or the city and county of Denver, that an elected official on the level of councilman ever felt the necessity of coming to our Nation's Capital