

He has proved himself very capable. And I am quite sure he would like the opportunity of presenting you two gentlemen to this committee this morning.

Mr. BACHRACH. Thank you, sir.

STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN J. GILLIGAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. GILLIGAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Distinguished members of the subcommittee, we have, Mr. Chairman, the mayor of Cincinnati, the Honorable Walter Bachrach, and Mr. Gradison, whom he has introduced. And in the supporting cast who will not make a formal statement, but will be available for questions if needed, the Honorable Theodore Berry, who is Assistant Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and Director of the Community Action Program under title II of that act who is the former vice mayor of the city of Cincinnati, and a former chairman of the housing and urban development committee of the council; Col. Jack Allen, the urban development director of the city of Cincinnati; and Mr. Richard Coleman, who is director of the Better Housing League of the City of Cincinnati.

As it happens, I served 11 years on the city council, and served on the urban development committee; so we have, in the presence of Mr. Berry, who is of course now a very distinguished officer in Federal service, myself, the mayor, and Mr. Gradison, four members of the city council of Cincinnati who have served in prior years on the urban development committee and are acquainted with the program in Cincinnati in cooperation with the Federal Government to build and rebuild a city which is now 177 years old.

I have no further statement to make, Mr. Chairman, other than to say that I have introduced identical legislation to H.R. 12341, H.R. 12763, which I would hope would constitute my endorsement of the concept before the committee today.

I would further say that Mr. Berry—because of his interest in community action, as well as in the urban development program in Cincinnati—has said that he would like to submit a written statement which I would present to the committee for your consideration at some later time.

Mr. BARRETT. That may be submitted for the record. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT FROM THE CINCINNATI AREA UPON THE PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION CITIES ACT AND THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN DIRECT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO A LARGE METROPOLITAN AREA AS PROPOSED BY THE BETTER HOUSING LEAGUE OF GREATER CINCINNATI, INC.; THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR URBAN RENEWAL, AFFILIATE OF URBAN AMERICA, INC.; IN COOPERATION WITH THE CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL, HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CINCINNATI BOARD OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL OF THE CINCINNATI COMMUNITY CHEST, AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

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