

lems of the Demonstration Cities Act is directed to solve has had the opportunities to examine all the different cities that are in so serious need of additional help through this country—it would be my opinion that these gentlemen serve on a selection committee, a demonstration city selection committee, and have the opportunity to select those cities with the most serious and difficult problems to participate in the demonstration cities legislation.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. You prefer that idea to leaving it up to some political body?

Mr. KINSELLA. I for one would not want to be charged with the responsibility of selecting those that might participate in this legislation.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. It would be a tough assignment. Thank you.

That's all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St. Germain?

Mr. ST GERMAIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I wonder if I might ask my colleague, Mr. Harvey, in view of his questioning if he would like to join me in legislation that would in effect increase the amount and expedite the funds that we can expend on urban renewal rather than this present plan we have—let's inject more money into it, and allow it to be spent a little quicker, because we are running so far behind on our applications. Not that I am not completely convinced on this program—but that perhaps would alleviate one of the fears we have about the Demonstration Cities Act.

Mr. HARVEY. I would just say to the gentleman that I have not yet decided what I am going to do on this bill yet, whether I am going to support it or oppose it. But I wholeheartedly support the concept of urban renewal.

I believe that this is a legitimate area of concern with regard to this particular legislation. I think perhaps what the gentleman says over there has considerable merit. I would want to sit down and think it over, though.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I agree with the gentleman from Michigan. One of the fears that we should have is that should we decide individually or collectively this is good legislation, this Demonstration Cities Act, we should be able to assure ourselves within our own minds that this legislation will not interfere with urban renewal as it is now progressing, because we have problems already there.

Mr. Mayor, on page 4 you mention that you had a program of renewal projects, three of which have been completed, and seven in advanced planning or execution.

The first question is, what is your time lag between the time that you acquire the urban renewal project area, the area, and the time that this land, this area once again becomes tax-producing for the municipality, in this instance the city of Hartford?

Mr. KINSELLA. If I may, I would like to defer to my expert here.

Mr. BLISS. Mr. St Germain, in our first project area, which actually consists of three projects, planning started in 1952. However, from the time that we started to purchase land—we had had a court case, and some other difficulties—a Supreme Court case, as a matter of fact—from 1957, when we started that, until April of 1964, this is the period that it took. In other words, it was a 7-year period.