

Mr. BARRETT. Anyone else you desire to bring up?

Mr. LOCHER. Mr. John Gunther is here; who I am sure you know.

Mr. BARRETT. John is sort of acting as a backstop.

We do want you to feel at home. You can bring your associates up here.

Mr. Fino?

Mr. FINO. Mr. Mayor, I am sorry I was late coming in and didn't have the opportunity to listen to your statement. However, I will read it more thoroughly when I get back to the office. I was busy on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. But I just happened to glance at it. On page 4 you say at one point the bill provides for the appointment of a Federal coordinator.

We in Cleveland have been fortunate in being one of the first cities to have a coordinator appointed by the Federal Government.

He is now a Federal coordinator for what?

Mr. LOCHER. Mr. Chairman, he is, as I pointed out, the coordinator for all the Federal programs in the city of Cleveland, and those of the city of Cleveland that have a relationship to Washington. And his name is John W. Lehman. He happens to be the regional director of the U.S. Department of Labor. He likewise is the president or the executive officer of what is called the Federal Executive Association.

I am told that in all the large areas or large cities, they have an association of Federal officials which they call the Federal Executive Association, and he is the executive, and he has been designated to be the coordinator or correlator of all the Federal activities in the city of Cleveland.

We found it to be of great use. And I merely threw that into my speech to indicate that we are not fearful of any commissar, or czar, or anyone else—that we can work and must work in a coordinated kind of way in order that these many and varied Federal programs, and municipal ones, achieve the results they are intended for.

The setup that we have is not one prescribed by law, but rather one worked out voluntarily between the Office of the Vice President here in Washington, D.C., and the mayor of the city of Cleveland.

We think it holds great promise. We are already working on several programs that are important ones. And it saves endless duplication of effort and work by having such a coordinator.

Mr. FINO. Well, Mr. Mayor, it has been proposed by several of your colleagues that the Federal coordinator proposed to oversee the city demonstration program in the various cities where a program is established—that these coordinators be nominated by the city, and that the Secretary of HUD have the right to pick the nominee from that list.

Now, do you favor such a proposal, or such a change in the law?

Mr. LOCHER. Mr. Chairman—Mr. Fino, I don't believe I do. I am a great one to believe that the authority who has the responsibility for implementing a program should not be circumscribed or shackled. And I believe that by submitting a list of names to anyone, that that would really be a mistake.

I believe that the Secretary of HUD should have the right to appoint whomever he thinks. But I am sure that there would be a certain amount of discussion, certainly, about someone who would be agreeable to the problems of a large city.