

I don't believe I would favor spelling out that sort of a determination in the substantive law of our country, which this bill really is.

Mr. FINO. Well, obviously, from what you are doing in Cleveland, it seems that we don't need legislation for coordinators.

Mr. LOCHER. Well, as I pointed out, Mr. Chairman, that is on a voluntary basis. It would seem that the law—if this bill becomes law, and we do bring about a mobilization of all the efforts, then I think it would follow there should be someone who is charged with the duty of coordinating all of them. And Mr. Lehman, in a task that prodigious—he is the man in Cleveland—may not have the background to do this work in addition to the many other duties that he already has as regional director, because we are now talking about an amelioration of many, many Federal programs in this Demonstration Cities Act. I think you would still need the coordinator spoken of here.

I was trying to illustrate how it might conceivably work, and we think it is working well now.

Mr. FINO. Well, some fear has been expressed that these so-called Federal coordinators will ask city governments to change building codes, change zoning laws, and even demand that city administrations reorganize themselves, for more efficient operation along their own ideas. Are you willing to go along with that, with a Federal coordinator under this program, who came in and said—we will have to change your zoning laws, your building codes, we will have to revise your city administration to fit into our program.

Mr. LOCHER. If such a coordinator were to suggest that to me, I would insist that the President of the United States know about it, and there would be a new coordinator. I certainly would not hold still if we had an individual of that type in Cleveland.

No, I would not want such a person.

I would trust that I or any other mayor would have enough influence and enough gumption to see that we didn't get such a person. If we did, we would get after him.

Mr. FINO. Well, if you look at the law, the coordinator seems to have that power, because the Secretary of the—it says: "The Director shall perform such functions as the Secretary shall from time to time prescribe with respect to helping achieve the maximum"—he determines what the maximum—"effective coordination of Federal grant-in-aid programs"—and so on.

Now, that is on page 8 of the bill, H.R. 12341. Are you satisfied about that language?

Mr. LOCHER. Would you tell me what line or where it is?

Page 8, did you say?

Mr. FINO. Page 8, line 19, "Office of Federal Coordinator."

Going down to line 24.

"The Director shall perform such functions"—and so forth.

Mr. LOCHER. "As the Secretary shall from time to time prescribe with respect to helping achieve the maximum effective coordination undertaken."

Yes, I find no quarrel with that language. That is his duty, to perform the maximum coordination. That is my understanding of it.

Mr. FINO. Well, Mr. Mayor, if he is the Federal man on the job, I don't think there is much you can do about it, once he is in there telling you how to run the city.