

Mr. GOODWIN. It could. I don't say they would. Of course, they could get the knowledge on this, or obtain the knowledge. If, in all cases, they took the trouble and were fortunate enough to do it.

Mr. FINO. On page 10 of your testimony, you express your concern over the broad powers granted to the Secretary of HUD by H.R. 12946. Let me ask you: Are you aware that the bill goes even further in that the definition of a standard metropolitan area would be left up to the Secretary of HUD?

Mr. GOODWIN. Yes, sir.

Mr. FINO. Do you have any further comments on that?

Mr. GOODWIN. No, not beyond that.

I was aware of that in the statements we made.

Mr. FINO. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. NORTHUP. It would only mean, as we view that, he could, if he was granted the authority of that bill, and that authority to extend the metropolitan areas according to his own determination of where they should lie, that he is virtually then in control of all lands if they are in any particular metropolitan center. To be eligible for these programs, as we interpret it, one must have a metropolitanwide program and this program must also be executed in a manner which satisfies the Secretary, and it does say in the legislation that any land use which is of such significance that it might affect anything in that metropolitanwide program would have to be acceptable to him.

So, it appears, and truthfully, you have to judge this by appearance, it appears that this would give him control over land development on the federally insured loan programs. Federal land-grant programs, or conventional loan programs. This is the basis of the concern of all groups as to just how extensive is supervision of all land, and whether there would be any room for private developers such as those who are building new towns that we hear of. Could they actually go ahead and utilize their own initiative and their own desires under this program?

We think that it is desirable that this flexibility remain, that this is the free enterprise system, and many of our good ideas come out of these kinds of efforts.

Mr. BARRETT. Time has expired, Mr. Goodwin.

We certainly appreciate you and your associates coming here and giving us a very constructive statement.

Mr. GOODWIN. Thank you.

We appreciate the opportunity.

Mr. BARRETT. Our next witness will be Mr. Isadore Candeb, president of Candeb, Fleissig & Associates, Newark, N.J.

Do you have any associates with you?

Mr. CANDEB. No, sir.

Mr. BARRETT. We certainly want you to feel at home.

You have a great admirer here, my colleague, Mr. Widnall, has spoken very highly of your capabilities and your organization. He will be here shortly.

Mr. CANDEB. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. We would like you to complete your statement if you wish, and maybe we could ask you some questions at the end of your testimony.