

professional personnel and so arrangements for personnel that we have to provide their services most efficiently to the public. The group practice for medicine, I believe, has been demonstrated to be perhaps the most efficient of all methods of rendering those professional services to the public.

Mr. Chairman, 1966 can be another great year for housing and urban development legislation by the Congress. If those four bills are enacted, 1966 will indeed be what President Johnson has called the "year of rebirth for American cities."

This distinguished committee made an immeasurable contribution in this area. I am sure you are going to carry on your program this year. I commend you for what you did.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Congressman Pepper. You have given us a very fine statement in support of these bills and your statement will be of great help.

Mr. PEPPER. If you get them up to the Rules Committee, I will give you all the help I can.

Mr. BARRETT. Our next witness is Morris Ketchum, president, American Institute of Architects.

It is certainly nice to have you here this morning. It is the desire of this committee to always try to make the witnesses feel at home with as much relaxation as possible and we hope we can give you this feeling, too.

I note that you have associates with you. I was wondering, Mr. Ketchum, if you would be desirous to introduce them for the record.

Mr. KETCHUM. I do, sir, but before I do and before I go into my statement, I would like to ask your advice.

I have here, and I believe the members of your subcommittee have, as well, our statement. I can either read it in full, which I leave to your judgment, or take the most basic and important points in this statement and dwell on those. I would like your advice on that point.

Mr. BARRETT. We are hopeful, as I pointed out, that we can make you feel at home, and anything that you desire to do, you may take advantage of. We will be quite sure that this committee will go along.

Mr. KETCHUM. Thank you, so much.

STATEMENT OF MORRIS KETCHUM, JR., FAIA, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS; ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM H. SCHEICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND PHILIP HUTCHINSON, JR., DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Mr. KETCHUM. My name is Morris Ketchum, Jr. I am a practicing architect and principal of a firm located in New York City. With me are William H. Scheick, executive director of the American Institute of Architects, and Philip Hutchinson, Jr., the institute's director of governmental affairs.

Today it is my privilege to appear before you as president of the American Institute of Architects. The AIA, now in its 109th year, was organized to unite architects in a professional society wherein they could combine their efforts to promote the artistic, scientific, and