

I think what we do with respect to demonstration cities programs must be additional to what we are doing by way of urban development.

Mr. HARVEY. Thank you, Mr. Tate.

I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Mayor, all time has expired and I am very grateful for your coming here and for your statement which was very splendid.

Mr. TATE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do want to thank the members of the committee, not only for courteously listening to my presentation but for giving me the advantage of their very searching questions which show not only an awareness of this problem but their desire to be helpful and I do appreciate them.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, sir.

The Chair has an announcement to make. There has been a change in the schedule of the hearings.

Mr. Collins, of Boston, will not be heard today.

The subcommittee stands in recess until 2 p.m. this afternoon when our first witness will be our great and distinguished former colleague, former chairman of the subcommittee, Albert Rains, of Alabama.

(Whereupon, at 11:20 a.m., the subcommittee recessed to reconvene at 2 p.m. the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Present: Representatives Barrett (presiding), Mrs. Sullivan, Reuss, Widnall, Mrs. Dwyer and Harvey.

Mr. BARRETT. The committee will come to order, please.

Our first witness this afternoon is our old friend and distinguished former colleague, Albert Rains, of Gadsden, Ala. The House of Representatives and the Senate, as well, are filled with outstanding Representatives of our people, but we all know that among the 535 Members of the House and Senate that a relative few stand out as giants among legislators. Al Rains was and is one of those men. This very subcommittee which meets here today is his creation. He made a legislative record in the housing field that will probably never again be matched. In the Congress he combined a superior intelligence with a mastery of the legislative process, with a superior knowledge in matters concerning economics and finance, and above all, with an understanding of our country's needs and the legislative tools necessary to meet those needs.

We all miss his presence on this committee very deeply and we are constantly trying to learn from his outstanding record of accomplishment. Al, please come forward and let us all extend our greetings to you.

I would like to point out to the subcommittee that Mr. Rains is appearing here today as Chairman of the Committee on Historic Preservation and while all of us will be tempted to ask him questions about the general field of housing legislation he will address his remarks today solely on H.R. 13790, a bill introduced by our esteemed colleague, William Widnall, which deals with the preservation and maintenance of historic buildings, and so I would ask the subcommittee members to confine their questioning to this single subject.

(H.R. 13790 follows:)