

Preserve historic structures under the urban beautification program; and
 Provide fellowships for architects and technicians in the historic preservation field upon the recommendation of a fellowship advisory board established for this purpose.

On this final point, we wish to advise the subcommittee that the institute is ready to assist the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in every appropriate way to assure the success of the fellowship program. The AIA in association with its sister organization, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, presently awards and administers some 70 scholarships to worthy students of architecture. Further, the institute is prepared to recommend to the Secretary qualified talented individuals who would serve with distinction on the Historic Preservation Fellowship Advisory Board.

The institute has two suggestions regarding title II of H.R. 13790, which provides for the establishment of a National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

First, we note that with the exception of Federal and private members all Council members are appointed by the President from a panel suggested by organizations of recognized standing in their field. To assure that at least two of the four private Council members are experts in the field of historic preservation, we suggest that they be appointed by the President from a panel of at least four individuals submitted jointly by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the AIA.

Second, we suggest that the Council's Executive Director be appointed by the Council from among qualified applicants. Further, the Executive Director should be responsible only to the Council.

H.R. 13790 is exceedingly timely legislation. It establishes a program this country has needed for years. It will provide the tools to save thousands of buildings which are uniquely American and which can never be replaced. It responds to the alarm sounded by architects, historians and others who have, up to now, fought a generally losing battle against the bulldozer approach to redevelopment. We urge speedy enactment of H.R. 13790.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. BARRETT. Our next witness this afternoon will be our colleague from New York, Congressman William F. Ryan.

Mr. RYAN. Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. We are going to give you as much time as we possibly can.

STATEMENT OF HON. WILLIAM F. RYAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Mr. RYAN. I appreciate your words of welcome. I am honored to appear this afternoon, after the appearance of the distinguished former chairman of the subcommittee, Albert Rains of Alabama. I think that all of us appreciate the great contribution he made while he served in the House.

I am pleased to be able to appear here today to testify on the demonstration cities program bill.

I believe that H.R. 12341, the demonstration cities program bill, represents a bold new effort to upgrade the quality of life in our cities. I need not dwell on the point that this country is a nation of city dwellers. The facts and figures documenting this are all too familiar to you on the Housing Subcommittee, to you who have devoted so much of your time and energies to shaping legislation that would provide more Americans with better housing.

Although the Housing Act of 1965 contained new housing ideas, even arresting ideas, it is only now with the demonstration cities program