

community requires the most help and guidance. Furthermore, with the Federal Government providing 90 percent of the planning funds, Washington unquestionably has an obligation to have someone looking out for the interests of Federal taxpayers.

The demonstration cities concept calls for a city to avail itself of "the complete array of all existing Federal grant and urban aid programs in the field of housing, renewal, transportation, education, welfare, economic opportunity and related programs."

Unfortunately, I have found that local planning officials all too often are ignorant of the nature of the complete array of Federal programs. Therefore, I believe that the presence of someone with an encyclopedic technical knowledge of Federal grant-in-aid programs would be essential in the earliest planning of a local project. I am convinced that the Federal coordinator can be more effective in expediting and coordinating Federal contributions and technical assistance if he is involved at the genesis of the demonstration plan, not after the plan is completed. An amendment to this bill is critical, from the standpoint of both the local community and the Federal Government.

The Federal Government should have close control over the \$12 million in planning funds that are made available by this bill. A coordinator, who is involved in the development of each demonstration program from its very inception, would be able to provide this tight control.

In order to make clear my recommendation, I propose the following amendment to H.R. 12341:

On page 8, line 21, after "program" insert the following: "and for each locality to which assistance is provided under section 5 for planning such a program."

This would make clear the coordinator would be there from the beginning and would not come in after the demonstration program is planned. He would be there from the inception.

At this point I would like to address myself to the prickly matter of which 60 or 70 cities of the more than 800 communities in the country that are participating in the urban renewal program will qualify for the demonstration cities program.

Secretary Weaver has indicated that a city will not necessarily qualify because of the manifest need of a particular neighborhood but rather greater weight may be given to a city whose proposed demonstration or model can be expected to be a palpable success.

Also there is a strong feeling in some quarters that the competition for the coveted designation as a demonstration city will be on a first come, first served basis with the spoils in the form of generous Federal grants going to the speediest planners.

The overall demonstration concept can only suffer if the quest for funds is reduced to a kind of municipal foot-race among panting planners.

The demonstrations must not be thought of as spot projects within a city but as part of a sound, long-range plan for the entire city. This principle of master planning or total planning must not be sacrificed by the desire of one city to beat another to the punch in qualifying for supplemental Federal grants. It is just such disdain for overall,