

Transit Act of 1964; a 12.5 percent limit of urban renewal funds; and a 15 percent ceiling on Federal funds for public housing.

These limitations are out of date, capricious and manifestly unfair to our large urban centers which are most in need of expanded Federal Help.

For that reason I have filed three bills, H.R. 3968 wipes out the public housing ceiling; H.R. 12915 strikes out the urban renewal ceiling; and H.R. 12823 eliminates the mass transit limitation.

I hope that the Banking and Currency Committee will give favorable consideration to these bills during this session of the Congress and right the long years of injustice suffered by our most populous urban centers.

Mr. Chairman, I have not touched on the mass transit subject. I have introduced H.R. 12850 to provide for Federal contributions for operating expenses in mass transit. Senator Harrison Williams introduced this bill in the other body. I hope action will be taken.

I would like to call the attention of the committee to H.R. 7311 which I have introduced. It relates directly to small rehabilitation projects under section 220. It would make it possible to build larger units for families in urban renewal areas. I would be glad to discuss this in more detail because it is somewhat technical, but it would give us an opportunity to keep more families in our cities. It will greatly assist in the rehabilitation of brownstones for family occupancy. Experience in rehabilitating brownstones in the West Side urban renewal area of New York shows the need for this legislation.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear here to express some of my thoughts on the demonstration cities program and some of the needs that confront us in housing throughout the country.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Congressman Ryan. You can always be depended upon for submitting good, liberal, and intelligent recommendations for improving cities and particularly in the city demonstration program. We appreciate your testimony. Mr. Widnall?

Mr. WIDNALL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no questions. I would like to compliment you on a good statement. You are certainly very forthright about the things you want and you follow them up in proposed legislation, too.

Mr. RYAN. Thank you, Mr. Widnall.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Sullivan?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. No questions, but I have one comment, Mr. Ryan.

I do not think I would agree with you to eliminate the limitation on the distribution of these funds to certain percentages for the various cities—we have discussed that long and hard. If we did not put a limitation of how much any one city or State could get, it could very well all go to one place. I think in many of the discussions we have had about these bills it was the feeling of the committee that to be fair, to give everyone a chance to get into the program, we had to have a limitation on how much or what percentage could go to any one locality.

Mr. RYAN. One of the results, of course—just take the public housing limitation of 15 percent—is that a city like New York, which has the tremendous need I described, finds itself without adequate public housing. This same thing has occurred in terms of urban renewal