

Mr. Boris Shishkin, secretary of the AFL-CIO Housing Committee urged such amendments when testifying before your committee on March 3, 1966. This organization wholeheartedly endorses Mr. Shishkin's testimony in this respect, and we respectfully request the subcommittee to act favorably thereon.

WILLIAM H. RYAN,

President, District 44, International Association of Machinists/Aerospace Workers.

Mr. BARRETT. Our next witness this morning will be the Honorable Thomas J. Whelan, mayor of Jersey City, N.J.

Mr. Mayor, will you come forward, please?

Mr. Mayor, we are certainly very much pleased to have you here this morning. We have had some of our great mayors from all parts of the country testifying on this bill. We are having you here this morning, and I am quite sure you join these great men.

I would like to say at this point that my very good friend and able colleague, Congressman J. Minish from Newark, who is, I understand, a good friend of yours, wanted me to tell you that he regrets not being able to greet you here in person this morning because he has another meeting which he has to attend.

I also want to express similar regrets for Mrs. Dwyer. She said, when this great mayor who comes from New Jersey, to say how she desired to welcome you here and extend the courtesy which is customary for this committee to extend to all of our witnesses.

Congressman Dominick V. Daniels would have been here, too, but he also is tied up in meetings and cannot leave, and has asked his assistant, his confidential secretary, to come over and introduce you to this committee.

**STATEMENT OF GERARD F. DEVLIN, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
HON. DOMINICK V. DANIELS, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Mr. DEVLIN. For the record, my name is Gerard F. Devlin. I am the legislative assistant to Congressman Dominick V. Daniels of the 14th Congressional District of the State of New Jersey.

Congressman Daniels is meeting in an executive session of the House Subcommittee on Compensation and Retirement to consider a bill which vitally affects 2,700,000 Federal employees. For this reason, he is unable to be here today to introduce our distinguished guest.

It is a great privilege to stand in this morning for Congressman Daniels in introducing the mayor of Jersey City to the members of this subcommittee.

Three years ago it seemed that Jersey City was paralyzed. The city is, of course, an old one with many of the problems that one would expect after 300 years of existence. Much of the city's residential area is in a state of decline, but since he took office not quite 3 years ago, this downward spiral has been reversed and Jersey City is on the move again. Under the capable leadership of its new chief executive, Jersey City is on its way back. However, the financial situation in Jersey City is such that the massive program of redevelopment which is needed is beyond the city's financial grasp. It is for this reason that Congressman Daniels feels that Jersey City, with all its great poten-