

he was speaking about the present commitments that Jersey City has from the Federal Government, but rather his question, I think, was directed to the question in the minds of a great many persons, should a number of cities, say 50 cities, when submitting their plans and applications for urban renewal, would they then get a preference that would eliminate the money for applications to other than demonstration cities? We all share that concern and hope that we can legislate in this area in such a manner so as not to affect other cities who wish to continue with urban renewal, although they are not picked out as demonstration cities. I think the mayor of Jersey City would agree this should be our intent.

Mr. WHELAN. I understand what you mean, Mr. Congressman. There is only so much economic strength in the Nation and if this is going to be drained for this particular program and made less available for existing programs or future programs, that is going to present a problem. I am hopeful we, as a people in this Nation, are going to be prepared to make greater sacrifices to put a greater percentage of our gross national product into the public sector because I think we as a people have neglected our cities.

While we enjoy great prosperity, on one hand, we have terrible poverty and suffering, on the other hand. So I would hope this program would be over and above and in addition to that which we hope to receive with existing programs or greater programs that may become available in the future.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Mayor, while you are at this point, this will be spelled out in the report. There will be no severance of the moneys allocated for urban renewal, and there will be a continuance of the money allocated for the purpose of rehabilitating the city.

Mr. FINO. I wanted to make crystal clear the position of the mayor of Jersey City. I am sure it will be the position of every mayor of every city, if his city is not included in this program, that he will not suffer other Federal programs, such as urban renewal, and I would not want this program to go through if you are going to suffer by reason of the new program.

Mr. WHELAN. Absolutely not.

Mr. FINO. This is a fear we have and we want to make sure that there is no cause for that kind of fear. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Mayor, I certainly appreciate your coming here and I am now firmly convinced that you are a great mayor.

Mr. WHELAN. Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. All time has expired.

We will stand in recess until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 11:04 a.m., the subcommittee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Friday, March 25, 1966.)