

Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, I urge that this vital legislation be given every positive consideration. Our cities are in a state of crisis and, though this bill provides no panacea or even a large part of the answer to the problems of this city of 800,000 people—a population larger than 8 States—at least it is a step in the right direction. Thank you.

Mr. ZWACH. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SISK. Yes, sir.

Mr. ZWACH. Mr. Chairman, I also have a statement I would like to submit for the record. And I would just like to state that I have been long interested in 4-H extension work for the District. I introduced the original bill, and I want to give it my full and entire support.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Mr. Zwach. And without objection, your statement will be made a part of the record.

**STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN M. ZWACH, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Mr. ZWACH. Mr. Chairman, H.R. 15280 designates that the Federal City College become the land grant college for the District of Columbia, by amending the District of Columbia Education Act. It also bestows certain stipulated sums under previous authorization and appropriation laws relating to land grant institutions as it affects agriculture and mechanical arts instruction. The passage of this Act will provide a degree of permanency and balance to this new College that should be greatly beneficial. It also emphasizes the role of the College in carrying out the agricultural extension program for the District of Columbia. Besides the 4-H work and the Home Economics programs that we ordinarily associate with Agricultural Extension, the authority granted to a land grant institution will also allow for courses of study to be undertaken that will have a particular value in training for the unique problems in our Nation's Capital.

As you know, I introduced a bill H.R. 10680 last June in order to bring the benefits of extension services to Washington, D.C., feeling that this great program which has been so helpful in building character and family solidarity, should be launched here. This bill, I feel, would have provided an immediacy to working on this problem, that the present bill will not be able to do. It provided more funds than does H.R. 15280, and it carried a five year termination date so that Congress could review and re-assess the merits of this program within the District. However, the bill we have before us does provide a more lasting framework and foundation for a slower but more permanent growth of the institution and of the programs authorized in the course of study.

Because of the urgency for providing some helpful solutions to the pressing problems in Washington, I felt that less than an all-out effort would not be wise at this time. There is a large group of trained 4-H leaders and workers who have experience in many of our larger cities in the several states from which we felt we could draw, along with a large number of interested citizens in the District, and thus have a broad operating program by this summer. It may be possible that a supplemental short term appropriation following the passage of this bill could still be effective this year.