

sioner—the Public Service Commission, the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and several others.

My question is addressed to Mr. Hughes. Will there be an effort made to group some of these future reorganization plans so that they may be submitted in toto rather than too much subdivision? I am just thinking of the quality of attention which the Congress can give to the proposals.

Mr. HUGHES. I think your concern is a very proper and legitimate one. We will give consideration to grouping functions. We have been somewhat reluctant to group because, in the process of grouping, plans which are not necessarily controversial may become controversial. And it is not always easy to tell at the outset which is which. But both for our own benefit and for this committee's and the Congress we would like wherever we can to deal in reorganization plans with as large blocks as possible because it does greatly simplify consideration.

Mr. REUSS. Thank you very much.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Erlenborn.

Mr. ERLBORN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am sorry that Mayor Washington is not here. He will be back in a few minutes?

Mr. BLATNIK. He will be back in a few minutes. I have some questions, too, to ask him.

Mr. ERLBORN. But I notice that both Mr. Segal and Mr. Thomas have mentioned that they would hope that there would be created an advisory board after the abolition of the Recreation Board. And I also note that Mayor Washington's statement does not make any reference to a successor board. Has there been any discussion with the Mayor as to the possibility of a successor advisory board?

Mr. THOMAS. We had a conference with the Mayor, and it included, I believe, Mrs. Stern and one other Board member, oh, several weeks ago. At that time, the Mayor indicated that he would be interested in knowing how the Board felt about a future board; and he also invited us to submit to him our recommendations relative to a future board. And this is the format that we have come up with as far as our recommendations are concerned for a future board. And we will have further discussions with him.

Mr. ERLBORN. You are fairly well assured that some successor board will be appointed?

Mr. THOMAS. The Mayor indicated that he was amenable to the formation of a successor board. He made no—

Mr. ERLBORN. No commitment.

Mr. THOMAS. No commitment, but he indicated that if we would tell him what we wanted, then he would give it serious consideration.

Mr. BLATNIK. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. ERLBORN. Certainly.

Mr. BLATNIK. Was your proposal submitted as a formal proposition in writing?

Mr. THOMAS. It was not. It was not; no. It has not been submitted as a formal proposition to the Mayor.

Mr. BLATNIK. I see, but this has been discussed with the Mayor.

Mr. THOMAS. This has been discussed with him orally in his office, and we will submit the format that we have included in our testimony to the Mayor at an early date.

Mr. BLATNIK. Fine.