

Mr. BROWN. Well, if I may respond to that, I think that it would also increase the potential if broad support came from the community. I think your original statement that it will not in and of itself improve the availability of funds from public resources, the tax funds, and so forth—

Commissioner WASHINGTON. From the District budget you mean.

Mr. BROWN. From the District budget is probably quite accurate. I have taken quite enough time, I am sure, and I have a colleague who may wish to ask some questions. I would comment also that if you find some good foundations that are anxious to give money for the development of recreation programs within communities, I hope you will share that with some of us who are more directly representative of communities of some size back in our own constituency and who are also looking for funds to broaden their recreation programs.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. Well, Mr. Brown, I might just say as a result of my experience last year in New York and here, I know that there are some possibilities. I would be very happy to share the information, but the resources I think I am going to keep for myself.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I think it is a good plan and much needed and I support it.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you very much.

Mr. Segal, we thank you very much for a very interesting and helpful presentation; and the same to you, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. We have a statement submitted by the League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia, written by Elizabeth S. Johnson, the president, in support of Reorganization Plan 3 of 1968. The statement will appear at this point in the record.

(The statement referred to follows:)

PREPARED STATEMENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PRESENTED BY ELIZABETH S. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

The District of Columbia League of Women Voters supports the President's Reorganization Plan 3 of 1968 as a further step in coordinating and focusing responsibility for the essential functions of a city government.

In Plan No. 3 the Commissioner will be given control over the Recreation Department which will bring about overall direction and coordination of recreation resources and facilitate the integration of recreation plans into the urban development programs and the program budgeting process. Yet, the league feels that this plan does not include the city's major recreation resource, the city's park lands, and that through a future reorganization these areas should be brought under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner.

Thus, because of our interest in a more efficient and centrally responsible government under the single Commissioner and City Council, we urge the Congress to permit this plan to take effect.

Mr. BLATNIK. Is Mr. William H. Waters, a member of the District of Columbia Recreation Board, here?

Mr. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, I am here.

Mr. BLATNIK. I am sorry you had to wait. We had the other scheduled witnesses. We would be pleased to hear you.

Mr. WATERS. I will submit correspondence to you.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Are you in support?

Mr. WATERS. I am not in support.

Mr. ERLNBORN. You are not in support.