

the plans that we have gotten from the Bureau of the Budget. I have no objection to this plan. I do not think it goes far enough. I think it is much too narrow and much too restricted in its scope. If we had time, I would like to ask you if the RLA wanted to redevelop a couple of blocks in Georgetown what it would have to go through, and I think you would spend most of the afternoon telling me what all the redtape procedures are that it would have to go through.

Now, if we are going to cut that redtape, I would like to know, as soon as we can from the administration, where all these wonderful things come from under our philosophy of government, what that plan is. And it seems to me that it has not been too well-developed yet.

Mr. BLATNIK. No further questions?

Thank you very much, Commissioner, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Appleby.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. 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 No. 4 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 D.C. League of Women Voters supports the President's Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1968 as a further step in coordinating and focusing responsibility for the essential functions of a city government.

The league has advocated centralization of "authority for urban renewal in the District government." Reorganization Plan No. 4 will begin to bring some order to the city's housing program by allowing the Mayor to make his own appointments to the Redevelopment Land Agency.

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.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. Good luck.

This concludes the hearing on Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1968.

The subcommittee is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:40 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned.)

