

costs involved. We believe strongly that relocation payments should be shared as other project costs. Accordingly, we recommend that the comma after "project costs" on line 24, page 45, be changed to a period and the balance of the sentence on lines 24 and 25 of page 45 and 1 of page 46 be deleted.

We believe that a new section should be added to this title to provide for the effective date of this title. This amendment is necessary to provide sufficient time for the assignment of responsibility and for drafting of regulations for direct Federal programs and to allow State and local governments sufficient time to make necessary changes in their laws and possibly their constitutions to permit the agreements required as a condition of Federal aid. We recommend the new *Section 811* should read as follows:

"This Act shall become effective 180 days after enactment, except that Sections 807, 808, and 810(a)(4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) shall become effective three years after enactment; *Provided That*, commencing 180 days after enactment, the provisions of Sections 807 and 808 shall be applicable with respect to any contract, grant to, or agreement with a State agency, where such State agency is able under State law or local ordinance to agree to the requirements set out in Section 807(a) and the provisions of law governing relocation payments and assistance otherwise applicable to the provisions of Federal financial assistance to such State agency shall be superseded by this Act."

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Section 903(c).—Change the period at the end of the section to a comma and add as follows: "which determination of fair value and method used by the agency head shall be final and conclusive. **PROVIDED**, (1) that payment hereunder will not result in duplication of any payments otherwise authorized by law; (2) that the fee owner of the land involved disclaims any interest in the improvements of the lessee; and (3) the lessee in consideration for such payment shall assign, transfer and release to the United States all his right, title and interest in and to such improvements; **PROVIDED FURTHER**, that no provision of this section shall be construed to deprive the lessee of his right to reject the payments hereunder and to obtain payment for his property interests of just compensation as otherwise defined by law."

Section 904.—(1) On line 1 of Section 904(a) after "agency," delete "not later than" and substitute "as soon as practical after."

(2) On line 14 of subsection 904(a)(2), after "property" delete "; and" and add as follows: "provided that such mortgage shall be of record as required by law on the date the official announcement of the project is made by the authorized Federal agency; and"

"Senator MUSKIE. The relocation provisions of this bill would be aimed at achieving uniformity.

Mr. HUGHES. Yes.

Senator MUSKIE. Across the board.

Mr. HUGHES. Yes.

Senator MUSKIE. I think as the problem is emerging, we ought to be considering whether or not, and I guess you do to some extent, the present level of assistance is adequate.

Mr. HUGHES. We have certainly considered that, and I think both the statement submitted for the record and the one which I presented do reflect some of that concern.

As your comment indicated, the practice among the agencies varies tremendously, because of differences in their own statutes and in their own traditions really. The evolution of a uniform policy and practice is probably at least as painful within the executive branch as it is in Congress. But we fully agree as to the desirability of that, and we believe the executive branch by and large agrees.

Part of the problem here, of course, is that magic numbers are very difficult to come by. What is adequate recognition of relocation costs? I am certain that the committee will wish to consider very carefully