

any experience, you personally or NACO, in developing or working with such a relocation agency?

Mrs. SPELLMAN. We personally have not yet had such experience, although I daresay that our community development department could very well serve that kind of function.

But, it does make very good sense to be able to coordinate all of this into one agency so that everybody knows what is being done and you do have one central outfit guiding this whole thing. Probably C. D. here has some knowledge of how it worked in other areas.

Mr. WARD. We have considered this same proposal and we feel that we are one agency where the county has developed some kind of expertise and some other ones then start coming in and having a relocation program, and that it could make sense to combine them under one jurisdiction and use their background and their technical skills.

Senator MUSKIE. Possibly in a State as small as mine, a State relocation agency would serve the purpose of the entire area, and in a city like Baltimore, a metropolitanwide relocation agency.

Thank you very much.

Mrs. SPELLMAN. I thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to come. I enjoyed it.

Senator MUSKIE. Our next witness is Mayor Beverly Briley of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County, Tenn.

Mayor Briley, it is a pleasure to welcome you again. Our last meeting was before another subcommittee of this same full committee.

### **TESTIMONY OF MAYOR BEVERLY BRILEY, METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN.**

Senator BAKER. Mr. Chairman, may I take this opportunity to say that I look forward to the mayor's testimony. It is my feeling that Nashville-Davidson County have been pioneers in the area of redesigning and reconstructing more active and effective local self-government.

MAYOR BRILEY. I have appeared before Senator Muskie on many occasions previously representing the National Association of Counties, of which I was formerly president, and I am now on their board. I come today as the mayor of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County, and vice president of the National League of Cities, and a member of the advisory board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. I am representing these two organizations today in support of S. 698, S. 458, S. 735, and S. 2981, which would make an important contribution to the improvement of intergovernmental relations among the Federal, State and local governments.

Senator MUSKIE. I would certainly like to commend you for your continuous efforts on S. 698 through Congress, and I hope that it will enable the Senate to respond to this bill as it has in the past.

The federal system that was conceived by our forefathers is still a great one. But today the intergovernmental relationships envisioned by the founders are being strained by the sheer complexity of today's modern urban age. In this century, the Federal Government sensed that it had a role to play in meeting the national social and economic problems brought on by rapid urbanization and technological advances and undertook programs of substantial direct and in-