

obliged to attempt to locate such persons if they moved without knowledge of the local agency and without claiming such benefits.

It is also interesting to note that at the same time the 1964 housing act was providing a relocation adjustment payment for eligible low-income families and individuals 62 years of age and over, Congress also revised Section 105 (c) of the 1949 housing act by placing upon the local public agency the burden and responsibility of relocating *all* individuals as well as families. However, no provision was made for such financial assistance to individuals under 62 years of age, who because of physical disability or other factors, were equally in need of such help.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is a critical analysis of but one subsection of the 1949 housing act. At the same time that HUD studies and recommends the enactment of the new amendments to the act and other pertinent legislation, it should also recommend correction of past legislation that has created unforeseen inequities or administrative problems.

Coupled with such review of existing laws, HUD should undertake a systematic review of its regulations and procedures. These are presently contained in the three volumes of the *Urban Renewal Manual*, local public agency letters, regional agency letters, technical guides, etc. Any local administrator can attest to the many problems created by the lack of a central index for such material.

The apparent purpose of the *LPA Letters* was that they be used as an advance notice of changes in regulations or procedures, until such time as they could be printed and incorporated into the *Urban Renewal Manual*. Many of the *LPA Letters* are drafted by HUD technicians, who may have little or no experience at the local agency level. Very often, other *LPA Letters* are required to revise, supplement, or replace previously issued letters. This only adds to the confusion.

To minimize this problem, drafts of proposed *LPA Letters* should be sent to selected local agencies and/or NAHRO liaison committees for review and comments prior to official release. Another constructive measure on the part of HUD would be the establishment of a target period, not to exceed six months, for the incorporation of any new *LPA Letters* into the *Urban Renewal Manual* or the development of new manuals similar to those utilized for the public housing program.

Because the administration of an urban renewal program is a complex undertaking, the sooner necessary measures are taken to simplify the procedures and improve administration of the program, the sooner the program will be accepted by the affected people as a vital necessity in our cities and towns.

EXHIBIT 5, SENATE OF MARYLAND, NO. 365 BY SENATOR BERTORELLI, FINANCE
(By Request)

BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 16, 1968. INTRODUCED, READ FIRST TIME AND
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—BY ORDER, J. WATERS PARRISH,
SECRETARY

Senate Bill No. 365

AN ACT to add new Section 6A to Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Eminent Domain," to follow immediately after Section 6 thereof, requiring a condemnor in certain specified situations to pay to owner-occupants of single and two-family dwellings, in addition to fair market value, additional compensation not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)

Whereas, the undertaking of public projects in residential areas has forced numerous owner-occupants to relocate; and

Whereas, studies have revealed that in acquiring comparable decent, safe and sanitary dwellings, displaced persons, particularly persons of low and moderate income, have often been required to expend considerably more money than received from the condemning authority for their condemned property; and

Whereas, such owner-occupants have thereby sustained serious financial loss; and

Whereas, the financial loss suffered by such owner-occupants often has been due to the progressive deterioration of the neighborhoods in which they reside, rather than the condition of their own dwellings; and

Whereas, such owner-occupants have thus been hindered in acquiring decent, safe and sanitary dwellings; and