

Mr. LIBBY. Yes. Mr. Goralnick.

Mr. GORALNICK. I realize that you don't have much time so I won't try to prolong this.

I am treasurer of the Roxbury Chamber of Commerce, and we have approximately 460 members consisting of industrial and business firms located in an underdeveloped area where unemployment is a great factor.

Most of our firms employ a large percentage of these underprivileged people who are mainly colored. If these firms are not given sufficient consideration and help to remain in this area, the unemployment situation will worsen. It is extremely important that business and industry remain in this area and even be helped to expand in order to create more jobs in an area that needs it very badly. By giving us the opportunity to remain and to expand in this area, it is conceivable that it may attract other business firms to move here also, thereby helping to eliminate to a great extent the unemployment situation.

Certain consideration should be given to all these businesses that are asked to relocate. That would be assistance in relocation, given sufficient time to move. We should be paid 100 percent for moving expenses and not be penalized because we are willing to relocate.

Consideration should be given for the time that we spend in looking for new areas and assistance in obtaining financing.

Property should be valued at replacement cost. Consideration should be given to owners of property who lose tenants when news of taking is first made known, and many times several years can pass before an actual taking takes place.

It is certainly not the intent of the Government to create any hardships for any of us citizens, but rather to treat everyone fairly, and if some of these factors are included, I believe everyone would be treated fairly.

Thank you very much, Senator.

Senator BAKER. Thank you very much, Mr. Goralnick.

Mr. Akerson.

Mr. AKERSON. Senator Baker, I am here as an individual, as an independent real estate counselor and appraiser at the request of Senator Brooke.

I have prepared a statement which I would like to file with your committee. To save time I will summarize my position and volunteer to offer my services to your staff.

Mr. AKERSON. Briefly, I am in favor of the Muskie bill as it is written. I have suggested three minor revisions which in my opinion would improve the bill. I think that there are glaring inequities in the State of Massachusetts.

I have just come back from a meeting in Chicago with other real estate people, and find that the same inequities exist across the country.

I think the Muskie bill, as it is written, does a very good job of being nearly perfect.

The biggest problem that we are all aware of in Massachusetts, and just waiting on the edges of our chairs for an answer is the difference in relocation payments. I helped to administer, as a consultant to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, the relocation payments program and the advice to businesses in relocating. We have funds to work with. We have paid claims as high as a half million dollars, and yet