

Title VIII, I do not find any specific language which would require a Federal or State agency to publish complete information regarding the availability of relocation assistance. It has been my experience that many business concerns are deprived of available benefits because of an inadequate public information program and I suggest that the bill be augmented to correct this weakness.

Senator BAKER. Miss Bingham, we welcome you to the committee. I apologize to you as I did to the other gentlemen for being late.

STATEMENT OF MISS JO BINGHAM, ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

MISS BINGHAM. Thank you very much.

My name is Jo Bingham. I am Assistant to the vice president of the Government Relations Division of the National Association of Manufacturers and I am appearing here to represent the association.

We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and present our views regarding S. 698 and related proposals, which we support with the reservations and modifications suggested in this statement.

The National Association of Manufacturers is a voluntary organization of industrial and business firms, large and small, with members located in every State and representing the major part of manufacturing output in the country.

Among the fundamental issues which concern NAM are central government policies and procedures which affect the character, workings, and future of the federal system as a union of States.

We believe that Congress needs to reexamine the intergovernmental relationships it has created. We consider it indispensable to the effective functioning of the federal system that the role of the States should be strengthened; that national policy should encourage State-local initiative and responsibility; and that State and local governments, and their individual and corporate citizens, should make conscious efforts to assure a more positive role for the States, with less dependence on National Government programing and financing. We believe that S. 698 can contribute to that broad goal of making the federal system more effective and strengthening the State's role in it.

Business-supported interest in improving the strength, quality, and effectiveness of State and local government has widened in recent years and the subject itself has been given more pointed attention. It is with some pride that NAM points out it was the first business organization to undertake a major study and program on the federal system and the intergovernmental relationships involved in that system. Since that effort was published in 1950 under the title, "Bring Government Back Home," the association has been alert to changing events and emphases in intergovernmental relations, and, whenever opportunity permitted, contributed to discussions on the subject and to the resolution of problems involved.

NAM testified before the House Government Operations Committee's Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations in 1957, during the period that Congress was taking its first steps to appraise and implement the report of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. In more recent years we have made statements on S. 2114 of the 88th Con-