

Senator MUSKIE. Well, let me say this: this legislation before us is the product of about 3 or 4 years of work, and it has not really been gone into as thoroughly as it should have been, and as we are trying to do now.

I think that the concern we are reflecting here would be shared by substantially the majority of the Congress once they get the same exposure to the facts and to the injustices. So, I do not think you ought to attribute to us any higher level of concern than I think is held by the majority of the Members of Congress.

Mr. BURRELL. I will just reserve my other criticism until I see the final action.

The other thing, Senator, was this morning there was some discussion about what to do with displacees in an urban renewal area, for example. I think we have got a long ways to go in new technology in housing. I would hope that the concerned agencies would look toward being more innovative in this area.

For example: where there are large areas of cleared land, we have not even begun to experiment with pre-fab homes, especially in the mobile home area where you take—if you look at one mobile home it does not mean anything, but if you put them together then you really begin to do something.

If you stack them, then you are really beginning to come up with some configurations in which people could actually live cheaply, quickly, and you could—well, you could go as far as you would like with that.

In addition to the fact that mobile homes could be stacked and stairs could be run up the outside, or could be run through the center, and they can be put together, that they can be erected fairly quickly, is the fact that they could be erected and constructed within the indigenous neighborhood in which it is going to occur.

A mobile home factory is simply a large overgrown cabinet shop. You could employ numbers of people just putting these things together and moving them to the site, and quickly, and moving other people in.

I rode to Mississippi about a month ago and I got the feeling that we had not even begun to approach the problem of how do we move those shanties, even as dramatically as using helicopters to move one of them out of the way and drop it in the trash pile, and then drop another one right in its place. Like that, it could be done.

It could be done cheaply, but who in this country is prepared, and what agency is prepared, to approach those kinds of technology and to begin to think innovatively like this. But it can be done, and I submit that it must be where we are headed if we are really going to solve the problems of progress as it relates to human needs and the renewal of people.

Senator MUSKIE. You have just made a speech that I have been making to the members of the Housing Subcommittee, but you have made it better than I have. I agree with you that we have not addressed ourselves to applying technology to the problems of low-income housing. I could not agree more.

Senator BAKER. Mr. Chairman, if I could, I would like to get my own pet oar in the water in that respect. I agree with what you say, but I also think that we have been terribly slow in making technological advances and advancement of new techniques for the reclaiming