

range of special subcommittees to assure maximum citizen participation in certain key areas. A subcommittee on minority group housing is generally required as part of the citizen participation program, to study and recommend ways and means to secure better housing for all minority and ethnic groups. Some cities, where a significant amount of displacement is expected to occur have established a subcommittee on relocation housing, for the purpose of working with local officials responsible for rehousing displaced families. Other cities have established special citizen groups to participate in comprehensive community planning activities, to work with urban renewal and public housing officials, to work with local officials in developing long-term capital improvement programs, or to assist in setting up programs of neighborhood participation in areas where action is needed for blight prevention.

It should be recognized that Citizen Advisory Committees and special subcommittees established pursuant to the Workable Program do not always provide adequate representation to the residents of project areas whose lives are most immediately affected by the urban renewal process. As a result, the Department is now exploring a more appropriate method of involving those persons directly affected by the relocation process. This is part of a larger effort the Department is now making to involve citizens more directly in the renewal process.

In view of the foregoing, we think it would be premature to comment on the question of whether a relocation review board, such as the one established in Camden, New Jersey, should be required for all federally assisted programs.

Senator MUSKIE. I think we have time for one more witness. I understand from the staff that Mr. Stalling will be able to come back tomorrow. Therefore, we will conclude this morning with Mr. William L. Taylor, staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. If this gets too prolonged, we may have to put him over until tomorrow, but I think we have until 12:30 to meet, if that will be sufficient time.

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Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator MUSKIE. We shall be delighted to have you come back another time if you cannot finish today. I do not want to cut you short.

Mr. TAYLOR. I shall be glad to abbreviate my statement. If the committee wishes me to come back, I will do it.

I am William L. Taylor, staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. With me this morning is Martin Sloane, special assistant to the staff director.

We appreciate the opportunity to present testimony on title VIII of the proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, which deals with uniform relocation assistance.

Senator MUSKIE. May I say I am delighted you chose to testify on this, because I think it will be most helpful.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you.

I might say before I get into my statement, Mr. Chairman that I appreciated the remarks you made earlier this morning about the Poor People's Campaign. It seems to me that looking back over the last few years, almost all progress we have made in matters of race relations and matters of social justice have come as a result of peaceful protests and demonstrations of various kinds, which are within the purview of our democratic form of government. I think, again, that if Congress and the executive branch react to the demonstrations and to the protests by enacting social welfare legislation and improving our