

and frankly I would like to ask that if you would like to revise and extend afterward, I would ask that the Chair give you an opportunity to extend your remarks into the record at this point. And this relates of course to using this vehicle, this legislative vehicle we have before us now as an opportunity to permit the smaller communities in America and maximum opportunity to permit them to accommodate industry, hopefully to decentralize this country and provide for freedom of economic opportunity throughout the entire Nation, instead of continuing with this trend toward major urbanization, and in effect developing this megalopolis area that I think is costing fantastic sums of money because of this current method of financing.

And I wonder if you would direct—both of you—direct some of your remarks toward what I am trying to accomplish. I would like to have your point of view.

Mr. BASFORD. I would rather let Mr. Ward speak on this for the official policy of the association because I tend to get back to my personal philosophy too often on these things.

Mr. WARD. Thank you. Mr. Clausen, I would bring the committee's attention to the formation of a new group called the Town and Country Alliance which is composed of about 100 associations throughout Washington—labor, business, governments, and so forth, and it has as its purpose the development and formation of a policy to bring about a balanced urbanization in the country and try to formulate various programs—water pollution control, transportation, jobs, housing, and so forth, which can do just what you are talking about. One of the most startling facts we have come across is the fact that Paul Holsocker (?) indicated that if we are to maintain just the present level of the population in the ghettos today there has to be a top migration each year of 500,000 people just to stay where we are. The migration now is only 50,000. But the problem of devoting your attention to the core of the central city is not going to be the solution as we see it. There has to be a balance and we think we have to use every mechanism possible to bring this about. We are not trying to say we are trying to wrest Federal resources from one area to another area but to bring a standard into perspective.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Is it not true that this particular piece of legislation, would not this give us an opportunity to diversify the economy to broaden the economic base and in effect open the opportunity for many of the rural sections of this country to participate in a maximum economic growth? Do you see this as a possible vehicle to start to redirect this trend?

Mr. WARD. First of all, we wouldn't seek anything that would take away the emphasis that this particular program has on some of the very big cities where there is a fantastic need. Like Commissioner Basford says, they are going to be accepting in the next several years the total equivalent authorization for the entire Federal Government. But I think that any program should be considered, in the light of a balanced organization solely. I couldn't comment as to the figures of how it should be redeveloped or redefined or what percentages should be given.

Mr. CLAUSEN. This last question I would like to direct to you, Mr. Basford, in your capacity as a county official and I would like to have your viewpoint of it.