

Mr. CRAMER. Well, that is exactly what I am concerned about. Pinellas County has, as you know, under your authorization, a planning agency in existence, statutory, as a matter of fact, by State law. Then there is an areawide planning agency certified by HUD. Who is going to have the final say-so relating to, No. 1, which agency shall be certified for highway planning and, secondly, on the local level, which agency shall have the authority?

Secretary BOYD. There is nothing, I repeat, in reorganization plan No. 2 changing any of the responsibility or authority of the Department of Transportation. However, I must say that the local planning agencies, whether they be HUD certificated or BPR certificated, are dealing with the same general responsibility, which is land use planning, and transportation within that land use planning concept. And there are not, to my knowledge, many instances where we have different agencies dealing with these two things.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, I gave you a specific example where, under section 204, of the model cities approach, an areawide agency has been established for the west coast of Florida, certified by HUD.

Secretary BOYD. I understood what you told us.

Mr. CRAMER. We have Pinellas County-wide area certified by Transportation. Who is going to make a decision?

Secretary BOYD. As it stands, they each make their own decisions and I think this puts the Federal Government in a fairly ridiculous situation if we get into conflict.

Mr. CRAMER. It sure does.

Secretary BOYD. I would hope this is the sort of thing that we can work out. I do not see the relationship of transportation and land use planning as being one of constant confrontation.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, I would hope that those agencies which have been certified or operational or financed or statutorily established have been working. I would hope that they would be given an opportunity to continue that certification and that work without having piled on top of that another agency, areawide, that also has to review and certify or submit plans already certified by the county agency. It looks to me like it is going to end up with endless redtape and nobody is going to have the final say-so. The areawide agency isn't even tooled up with finances or personnel qualified, in my opinion, to do the job.

Secretary BOYD. Of course I was just checking with Mr. Bridwell—my recollection is that section 204 today provides for review by the agency of the highway planning projects.

Mr. CRAMER. I would trust you would look into that matter and give it some pretty careful consideration, because otherwise we are going to have so many review agencies we won't get any construction done.

Secretary BOYD. This is already in the law, Mr. Cramer. And I agree with you that we ought not to have a proliferation of agencies. I do not think the Federal Government ought to be sending out and supporting field organizations whose main purpose in life is to fight each other.

I think that what I have told the Department of Housing and Urban Development is this: That there should be a great deal of commonsense applied to how we go about relating land use to transportation.