

MESKILL CRITICIZED OVER HOUSING STUDY

HARTFORD, Jan. 24 (UPI) — Representative Albert R. Webber, Democrat of New Haven, a legislative housing expert, says Gov. Thomas J. Meskill's housing study is a "betrayal of thousands of families."

"For over 18 months this overpopulated committee of underachievers has pretended to be doing something for more than 60,000 Connecticut families who live in blighted and crowded housing," he said.

"But they have failed miserably, and their weak-kneed rationalizing and efficiency-expert jargon won't produce a single unit of housing," Mr. Webber, who headed a 1969-1970 interim study of housing needs, said yesterday.

The Governor's housing task force recommended that local government have primary responsibility for housing through a cooperative effort among private and public agencies and investors.

"All they have done is postpone for two, three, or more years the day when the state government cuts out the endless double talk and at long last faces up to the housing crisis," Mr. Webber said.

He asserted that the commission was recommending Federal housing aid for middle-income families even though it had been known for months that President Nixon would halt such funds.

More Phase 3 Data Planned

The Cost of Living Council will issue clarifications of the status of the food industry under Phase 3 tomorrow. James W. McLane, deputy director of the council, said here yesterday. Reuters reported that Mr. McLane also said a chairman for the advisory committee on food would be announced "probably at the end of this week."

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