

WASHINGTON (AP) —  
President-elect Carter met  
today with housing advisers to  
discuss ways to add zip to the  
economy by spurring the con-  
struction industry

The advisers have drawn up

a series of options that the in-  
coming administration could  
use to stimulate the lagging  
construction business.

Carter also was meeting in  
separate sessions with  
advisers on the economy  
labor, transportation, health.  
education and welfare.  
energy, agriculture and  
government reorganization  
In addition, he also planned  
more interviews with  
potential Cabinet appointees

One of the housing options  
would have Carter ask Con-  
gress to appropriate up to \$5  
billion to subsidize interest  
rates on home mortgages. ac-  
cording to a source familiar  
with the thinking of the presi-  
dent-elect's aides.

Legislation already on the  
books in the form of the Emer.

gency Housing Act of 1975 au-  
thorizes \$10 billion to subsidize  
mortgage interest rates for  
certain buyers

However, the Ford adminis-  
tration took advantage of the  
law only to the extent of  
obtaining the appropriation of  
\$5 billion, meaning there is  
another \$5 billion available for  
spending. By asking Congress  
to appropriate this money,  
Carter could avoid the delay

inherent in asking the lawmakers to approve an entirely new housing program.

A knowledgeable source said more money for the mortgage subsidy program would have a "dramatic" impact on the housing industry

He also said it would be a

'fantastically effective tool' to stimulate the over-all economy by boosting employment in the building trades and in related industries that produce things like refrigerators, light switches, curtain rods and nails for new homes

Carter would have to decide whether single-family or multifamily buildings should benefit from this program

Other options expected to be presented to Carter include ways to cut red tape in federal housing programs so that money now clogged in the federal pipeline can be flushed out into the marketplace where it can be put to use.

Carter's meetings with his housing aides and later with potential cabinet appointees

and advisers were in Blair House, the presidential guest house across the street from the White House. Carter will visit the Pentagon on Friday before returning to Georgia. He flew to Washington on Wednesday afternoon from Atlanta

Among those scheduled to meet with Carter are Clark Clifford, secretary of defense during the Johnson administration, Rep. Barbara Jordan, D-Tex., mentioned as a possible attorney general, and Charles L. Schultze, Johnson's budget director, who has been mentioned as a possible secretary of defense or

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Carter says his cabinet, which he hopes to announce by

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