

July 9, 1941

To: Chairman Eccles

From: Mr. Dreibelbis

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Attached are two bills, either of which would extend the period until January 21, 1943 during which a reorganization under the Reorganization Act of 1939 could take effect.

The short form would extend the period without eliminating any of the exempted agencies.

The long form would extend the period and would eliminate the agencies originally exempted in section 3(b) of the Act. This would be done by amending section 3 so as to eliminate the present subsection (b) in which the exempted agencies are enumerated and relettering the succeeding subsections.

For your information, I have marked the eliminated section 3(b) in the attached copy of the Act.

Attachments

A BILL

To extend the period during which a reorganization under the Reorganization Act of 1939 shall take effect

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That
Section 12 of the Act of Congress approved April 3, 1939, known
as the Reorganization Act of 1939, is hereby amended by striking
out "January 21, 1941" and inserting in lieu thereof "January 21,
1943".

A BILL

To extend the period during which a reorganization under the Reorganization Act of 1939 shall take effect, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 3 of the Act of Congress approved April 3, 1939 known as the Reorganization Act of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. No reorganization plan under section 4 shall provide -

- (a) For the abolition or transfer of an executive department or all the functions thereof or for the establishment of any new executive department;
- (b) For changing the name of any executive department or the title of its head, or for designating any agency as 'Department' or its head as 'Secretary'; or
- (c) For the continuation of any agency beyond the period authorized by law for the existence of such agency; or
- (d) For the continuation of any function of any agency beyond the period authorized by law for the exercise of such function; or
- (e) For authorizing any agency to exercise any function which is not expressly authorized by law."

Sec. 2. Section 12 of the Reorganization Act of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 12. No reorganization specified in a reorganization plan shall take effect unless the plan is transmitted to the Congress before January 21, 1943."