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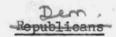
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78th Congress





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Deputy Chairman

Henry S. Dennison

DIRECTORS

	Class A	Dec. 31	
	HOLMES, Allen W. (Middletown, Conn.) DODGE, Leon A. (Damariscotta, Me.) FORBES, Allan (Boston, Mass.)	1943 1944 1945	(re-elected)
	Class B		
	ALLEN, Philip R. (E. Walpole, Mass.) FLANDERS, Ralph E. (Springfield, Vermont) FROST, Edward J. (Boston, Mass.)	1943 1944 1945	(re-elected)
3	Class C		
	CREIGHTON, Albert M. (Boston, Mass.) Chairman & FR Agen DENNISON, Henry S. (Framingham, Mass.) Deputy Chairman HARRIMAN, Henry I. (Boston, Mass.)		(re-appointed)

Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Dist. 2)

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Allan Sproul

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Beardsley Ruml

Deputy Chairman

Wm. I. Myers (Eff. Sept. 14)

DIRE	CTORS	Dec. 31
CLASS A	Term Began	Term Ended
FRASER, Leon (New York)	1/1/41	1943
FIELD, William J. (Jersey City)	1/1/42	1944
CLUTE, Warren W., Jr. (Watkins Glen)	1/1/43	1945
CLASS B		
BROWN, Donaldson (New York)	1/1/41	1943
WILLIAMSON, Frederick E. (New York)	1/1/42	1944
CONWAY, Carle C. (New York)	3/6/42	1942
CONWAY, Carle C. (New York)	1/1/43	1945 (reelected)
CLASS C		
RUML, Beardsley (New York)	1/1/42	1944 (Chairman)
MYERS, William I. (Ithaca)	1/1/43	1945 (Deputy Chairman)
ed for FRASER fra cantive Mobert D. (New York) al Reserve Bank of St. Louis	9/13/43	1943 (App. Sept. 14)

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Dist. 3)

OFFICERS

President - Alfred H. Williams

First Vice President - Frank J. Drinnen

Vice Presidents

C. A. McIlhenny W. J. Davis Ernest C. Hill C.A. Sienkiewicz

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent

Thomas B. McCabe

Deputy Chairman

Warren F. Whittier

DIRECTORS		
	Dec. 3	
HENNING, John B. (Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania) LOEB, Howard A. (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) REILY, George W. (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania)	1943 1944 1945	(re-elected)
Class B		
STOUT, C. Frederick C. (Camden, New Jersey) CANNON, Harry L. (Bridgeville, Delaware) KERLIN, Ward D. (Camden, New Jersey)	1943 1944 1945	(re-elected)
Class C		
WHITTIER, Warren F. (Douglassville, Pennsylvania) D. Chrma BALDERSTON, C.Canby (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) McCABE, Thomas B. (Chester, Pennsylvania) Chrman & FR Agen	1944	(re-appointed)

OFFICERS

President - M. J. Fleming

First Vice President - R. B. Hays

Vice Presidents

B. O. Lazar

W. H. Fletcher

W. F. Taylor

A. H. Lanning

K. H. Mac Kenzie

J. W. Kossin

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent G. C.Brainard

Deputy Chairman R. E. Klages

DIRECTORS	erm Expires	
Class A	Dec. 31	
MC DOWELL, H. B. (Sharon, Pa.) BROOKS, F. F. (Pittsburgh, Pa.) CONNER, B. R. (Ada, Ohio)	1943 1944 1945 (re-elected)	
Class B		
WRIGHT, R. P. (Erie, Pa.) CRABBS, G. D. (Cincinnati, Ohio) MILSOP, T. E. (Weirton, West Virginia)	1943 1944 1945 (re-elected)	
Class C		
BRAINARD, G. C. (Youngstown, Ohio) Chairman and FR Agent BAKER, A. Z. (Cleveland, Ohio) KLAGES, R. E. (Columbus, Ohio) Deputy Chairman	1943 1944 1 94 5 (re-appointed	d)

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Dist. 5)

OFFICERS

President - Hugh Leach

First Vice President - J. S. Walden, Jr.

Vice Presidents

Edward A. Wayne J. G. Fry

George H. Keesee W. G. Wysor

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent

Robert Lassiter

Deputy Chairman

W. G. Wysor

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Dist. 5)

Term Expires
Dec. 31
1943
1944
1945 (re-elected)
1943
1944
1945 (re-elected)
R Agent 1943
1944
1945 (re-appointed)

Federal, Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Dist. 6)

OFFICERS

President - W. S. Mc Larin Jr.

First Vice President - Malcolm H. Bryan

Vice Presidents

L. M. Clark H. F. Conniff

Federal Reserve Agent and Chairman

Deputy Chairman

J. F. Porter

Frank H. Neely

DIRECTORS	Marin Prostore
Class A	Term ExpiresDec. 31
COOK, W. D. (Meridan, Miss.) WHITE, George J. (Mount Dora, Florida) GLENN, Thomas K. (Atlanta, Ga.)	1943 1944 1945 (re-elected)
Class B	
HALL, Fitzgerald (Nashville, Tenn.) GEORGE, Ernest T. (New Orleans, Louisana) MC CRARY, J. A. (Atlanta, Ga.)	1943 1944 1945 (re-elected)
Class C	
HARRIS, Rufus C. (New Orleans, Louisiana) NEELY, Frank H. (Atlanta, Ga.) Chairman & FR Agent PORTER, J. F. (Columbia, Tennessee) Deputy Chairman	1943 1944 1945 (re-appointed)

OFFICERS

President - - - C. S. Young

First Vice President - H. P. Preston

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J. H. Dillard Allan M. Black

C. B. Dunn O. J. Netterstrom

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Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent

Simeon E. Leland

Deputy Chairman W. W. Waymack

DIRECTORS	
	Term Expires
Class A	Dec. 31
ESTBERG, Edward R. (Waukesha, Wis.)	1943
WILLIAMS, Frank D. (Iowa City, Iowa)	1944
CUMMINGS, Walter J. (Chicago, Illinois)	1945 (re-elected)
Class B	
AVERY, Clarence W. (Detroit, Michigan)	1943
NOYES, Nicholas H. (Indianapolis, Indiana)	1944
*BABB, Max W. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)	1945 (re-elected) (Died March 13)
*HEATH, William C. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)	1945 (elected May 18)
Class C	

Class C

HOFFMAN, Paul G. (South Bend, Indiana) 1943 LELAND, Simeon E. (Chicago, Illinois) Chairman and FR Agent 1944

1945 (re-appointed)

WAYMACK, W. W. (Des Moines, Iowa) Deputy Chairman

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Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent

William T. Nardin

Deputy Chairman

Oscar Johnston

DIRECTORS		
Class A	erm Expi	
CORLIS, G. R. (Anna, Illinois) MAESTRE, Sidney (St. Louis, Mo.) NAHM, Max B. (Bowling Green, Kentucky)	1943 1944 1945	(re-elected)
Class B		
TUCKER, H. H. (Little Rock, Arkansas) STANLEY, John R. (Evansville, Indiana) SHAPLEIGH, A. Wessel (St. Louis, Mo.)	1943 1944 1945	(elected)
Class C		
JOHNSTON, Oscar G. (Scott, Miss.) Deputy Chairman BROOKS, Douglas W. (Memphis, Tennessee) NARDIN, William T. (St. Louis, Mo.) Chairman and FR Agent	1943 1944 1945	(re-appointed)

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Dist. 9)

OFFICERS

President - - J. N. Peyton

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Vice Presidents

Sigurd Ueland A. W. Mills E. W. Swanson H. I. Ziemer O. R. Preston A. R. Upgren

> Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent

Walter C. Coffey

Deputy Chairman

Roger B. Shepard

DIRECTORS		
Class A	Term Expire Dec. 31	
FORD, Shirley S. (Minneapolis, Minnesota) McKNIGHT, J. R. (Pierre, South Dakota) MC CARTNEY, F. D. (Oake's, North Dakota)	1943 1944 1945	(re-elected)
Class B		
CLARK, Homer P. (St. Paul, Minnesota) O'CONNELL, J. E. (Helena, Montana) LANGE, Ray C. (Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin)	1943 1944 1945	(elected)
Class C		
COCHRAN, W. D. (Iron Mountain, Mich.) SHEPARD, Roger B. (St. Paul, Minnesota) Deputy Chairman COFFEY, Walter C. (Minneapolis, Minn.)	1943 1944 1945	(re-appointed)

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dist. 10)

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Vice Presidents

D. W. Woolley

Raymond W. Hall

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent R. B. Caldwell

Deputy Chairman

Robert L. Mehornay

DIRECTORS		
Class A	Term Expires	
Class A	Dec. 31	
LIMBOCKER, M. A. (Emporia, Kansas)	1943	
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DINES, T. A. (Denver, Colorado)	1945 (re	-elected)
Class B		
BERNARDIN, J. M. (Kansas City, Mo.)	1943	
PHILLIPS, L. E. (Bartlesville, Oklahoma)	1944	
HOSFORD, Willard D. (Omaha, Neb.)	1945 (re	-elected)
Class C		
CALDWELL, R. B. (Kansas City, Mo.) Chairman and FR Agent	1943	
	1944	
HAGUE, Lyle L. (Cherokee, Okla.)	1945 (ap	p. May 10)
	Class A LIMBOCKER, M. A. (Emporia, Kansas) BUNTEN, W. L. (Goodland, Kansas) DINES, T. A. (Denver, Colorado) Class B BERNARDIN, J. M. (Kansas City, Mo.) PHILLIPS, L. E. (Bartlesville, Oklahoma) HOSFORD, Willard D. (Omaha, Neb.) Class C CALDWELL, R. B. (Kansas City, Mo.) Chairman and FR Agent MEHORNAY, Robert L. (Kansas City, Mo.) Deputy Chairman	Class A LIMBOCKER, M. A. (Emporia, Kansas) BUNTEN, W. L. (Goodland, Kansas) DINES, T. A. (Denver, Colorado) Class B BERNARDIN, J. M. (Kansas City, Mo.) PHILLIPS, L. E. (Bartlesville, Oklahoma) HOSFORD, Willard D. (Omaha, Neb.) Class C CALDWELL, R. B. (Kansas City, Mo.) Chairman and FR Agent MEHORNAY, Robert L. (Kansas City, Mo.) Deputy Chairman 1944

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Dist. 11)

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Deputy Chairman J. B. Cozzo

DIRECTORS

Dec. 31
1943 1944 1945 (elected)
1943 1944 1945 (re-elected)
1943 1944 t 1945 (re-appointed)

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Deputy Chairman St. George Holden

DIRECTORS		
Class A	Term Expires Dec. 31	
MC INTOSH, C. K. (San Francisco, Calif.) ODLIN, Reno (Tacoma, Washington) BYRD, Carroll F. (Willows, California)	1943 1944 1945 (re-elected)	
Class B		
COX, Elmer H. (San Francisco, California) VOLKMANN, William G. (San Francisco, California) TAYLOR, Reese H. (Los Angeles, California)	1943 1944 1945 (re-elected)	
Class C		
HOLDEN, St. George (San Francisco, Calif.) Deputy Chrman GRADY, Henry F. (San Francisco, Calif.) Chrman & FR Agent WELLMAN, Harry R. (Berkeley, California))

Feb. 17

U.S.Congress. Senate. Banking and currency committee.

Wartime suspension of certain provisions of Federal reserve act: HEARING ... 78th,lst sess. on S.700, a bill to amend sec.12B and sec.19 of the Federal reserve act during the continuance of the war and for six months after its termination. Feb. 17, 1943. Wash.,Govt.ptg.off., 1943.

Testimony: Eccles, M.S. Feb. 17 pp17-44

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Mar. 25 Apr. 1,2,5,7 U.S. Congress. House. Banking and currency comm. H(1 Federal reserve act amendment: HEARINGS ... 2560 78th, 1st sess, on H.R. 1699, a bill to amend -A2 section 12B and section 19 of the Federal 1943 reserve act. Revised. March 25, April 1, 2, 5.7. 1943. Wash. Govt. ptg. off. 1943. 149 p. (Revised) Testi- Eccles, M.S. Apr. 2, pp. 51-73; Apr. 5, p. 75-85, 132-140 Apr. 7, pp. 142-149 monv: Thompson, D. S. (FDIC) Mar. 25 pp. 2-6; Apr. 1, pp. 23-31

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May 4

U.S. Congress. Senate. Banking and currency comm. Amending sections 16 and 18 of the Federal reserve act: HEARING ... 78th, 1st sess. on S. 658, a bill to repeal the sixth paragraph of section 18 of the Federal reserve act and S. 1041 a bill to extend the period during which direct obligations of the U.S. may be used as collateral security for Federal reserve notes. May 4, 1943. Wash., Govt.ptg. off., 1943.

17 p. Testimony: Eccles, M.S. May 4, 1943; pp.2-17

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May 10,11

U.S.Congress. House. Banking and currency comm.

Collateral security for Federal reserve notes: 2560

HEARINGS ... 78th, 1st sess. on H.R. 2634 ...

May 10 and 11, 1943. Wash., Govt. ptg. off., 1943

1943.

42 p. (Revised)

Testimony: Eccles, M.S. May 10, pp.1-22; May 11, pp.23-42.

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Dec. 10-20,1943 Jan. Feb. 1944

U.S. Congress. House. Banking and currency

committee. Absorption of exchange charges: HEARINGS ...

78th, 2d sess. on H.R. 3956, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, to provide that the absorption of exchange and collection charges shall not be deemed the payment of interest on deposits. Dec. 10-20, 1943 and Jan. 24-31, Feb. 1-9, 1944. Govt. ptg. off. 1944.

752 p.

Testi- Dreibelbis, J.P. (F.R.B. legal) Dec. 17, Feb. 2, 7, 8, 9. McKee, J. K. (Bd. mbr.) Dec. 10, 15, 16, 17; pp. 25-31, monv:

58-62,66, 84-87, 96-97, 106-108.

F.R.Bd.L. Ransom, R. (Bd.mbr.) Pp.1-20,23-25,33-67,69-88/88 95-112,138-140,142-157, 470 (1943 and 144)/R

Thomas, Woodlief (Rsv. Bd.) Dec. 10 '43 pp.20-25 pp.61 Feb. 8 '44 pp. 648

Dec. 17 '43 pp.120,126,129 Thompson, D. S. (FDIC) Feb. 9, '44 pp. 683,713

Section 12B of the Federal Reserve Act was amended so as to make it unnecessary for insured banks, until six months after the cessation of hostilities, to pay deposit insurance assessments on balances to the credit of the United States Treasury arising solely as a result of subscriptions for United States securities issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended. Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act was also amended so as to exempt member banks for the same period from the necessity of maintaining reserves with the Federal Reserve Banks against deposits payable to the United States arising solely as a result of subscriptions for such securities. (57 Stat. 65)

Source: Federal Reserve Board Legal Memo, June 26, 1951 - Federal Statutory Changes 1900-1951 Governing the Issuance of Money and Restricted or Defining Bank Credit.

[Public Law 42—78th Congress] [Chapter 76—1st Session]

[S. 991]

AN ACT

To extend the time within which the powers relating to the stabilization fund may be exercised.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 10 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, approved January 30, 1934, as amended, is amended by inserting after the second sentence thereof the following new sentence: "Such fund shall not be used in any manner whereby direct control and custody thereof pass from the President and the Secretary of the Treasury."

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10 of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, approved January 30, 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) All the powers conferred by this section shall expire June 30, 1945, unless the President shall sooner declare the existing emergency ended and the operation of the stabilization fund terminated."

Approved April 29, 1943.

[Public Law 58—78th Congress]

[Chapter 102—1st Session]

[S. 1041]

AN ACT

To extend the period during which direct obligations of the United States may be used as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking therefrom the words "until June 30, 1943" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "until June 30, 1945".

Approved May 25, 1943.

[Public Law 137-78th Congress]

[CHAPTER 223—1st Session]

[S. 35]

AN ACT

To authorize the use for war purposes of silver held or owned by the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the President is authorized, through the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the War Production Board, to sell, or lease for domestic purposes for a period not longer than six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war, as proclaimed by the President, upon such terms as the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem advisable, to any person, partnership, association, or corporation, or any department of the Government, for purposes, including but not limited to the making of munitions of war and the supplying of civilian needs, and the converting of existing plants to those purposes, any silver held or owned by the United States: Provided, That no silver shall be sold under this Act at less than 71.11 cents per fine troy ounce: Provided further, That at all times the ownership and the possession or control within the United States of an amount of silver of a monetary value equal to the face amount of all outstanding silver certificates heretofore or hereafter issued by the Secretary of the Treasury shall be maintained by the Treasury.

Sec. 2. This Act shall expire on December 31, 1944.

Approved July 12, 1943.

Source: Joint Committee on the Economic Report
Monetary Policy and the Management of t

Monetary Policy and the Management of the Public Debt (Patman Report) 1952, Page 223.

reserves in connection with war-loan drives.

13b.102. Discretionary Nature of Reserve Bank's Authority to Make Loans.—Plaintiff sued the Reserve Bank (in a Federal District Court in Montana) for damages for refusing to make it a loan under sec. 13b of the Federal Reserve Act. The court dismissed the action on two grounds (1) the statute used the word "may" and, therefore, was permissive, and not mandatory, and (2) that the Reserve Bank was an inhabitant of Minnesota and could not be sued in another district without its consent. Billings Utility Company v. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 40 F. Supp. 309 (1941).

13b. 103. The plaintiff brought suit (in Minneapolis) against the Advisory Committee, the Board of Governors and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for damages for refusal by the Reserve Bank to make a loan, being the same cause of action as in 40 F. Supp. 309 referred to above. The District Court held that the questions determined in the preceding case were mes adjudicata, and held, further, that the Bank had not abused its discretion. The Court of Appeals affirmed, holding that the two questions decided by the Montana Court were res adjudicata and that the statute was permissive and not mandatory since it provided that the Reserve Bank "may" make loans in "exceptional circumstances" when it appears "to the satisfaction of the Federal Reserve Bank" that the applicant was "unable to obtain requisite financial assistance on a reasonable basis from the usual sources." The court also held that there was no liability on the Reserve Bank because of the refusal of the officers of the Bank to make the loan, because the Federal Reserve Act contains no provision indicating that Congress contemplated that a Reserve Bank should be subject to damages for that reason, and where the officers have acted within the limitations of the statute, their conduct is not subject to judicial review. Billings Utility Co. v. Advisory Committee, et al., 46 F. Supp. 691, 135 F. 2d 108 (1943).