

1949

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President	-	Harry S. Truman (re-elected Nov. 1948, inaugurated Jan. 20, 1949)
Secretary of Treasury	-	John W. Snyder (appointed June 24, 1946)
Comptroller of Currency	-	Preston Delano (date of appointment Oct. 24, 1938)
Secretary of State	-	George C. Marshall, Dean Acheson
Secretary of Defense	-	James V. Forrestal, Louis A. Johnson
Secretary of Interior	-	Julius A. Krug, Oscar L. Chapman
Secretary of Agriculture	-	Charles F. Brannan
Secretary of Commerce	-	Charles W. Sawyer
Secretary of Labor	-	Maurice J. Tobin
Postmaster General	-	Jesse L. Donaldson
Attorney General	-	Tom C. Clark, J. Howard McGrath

1949
February

U. S. G O V E R N M E N T

S E N A T E

Banking and Currency Committee

81st Congress

Dem.
Republicans

MAYBANK, Burnett R.
WAGNER, Robert F.
TAYLOR, Glen H.
FULBRIGHT, J. William
ROBERTSON, A. Willis
SPARKMAN, John J.
FREAR, Jr., J. Allen
DOUGLAS, Paul H.

South Carolina
New York
Idaho
Arkansas
Virginia
Alabama
Delaware
Illinois

Rep.
Democrats

TOBEY, Charles W.
CAPEHART, Homer E.
FLANDERS, Ralph E.
CAIN, Harry P.
BRICKER, John W.

New Hampshire
Indiana
Vermont
Washington
Ohio

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February

U. S. G O V E R N M E N T

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Banking and Currency Committee

81st Congress

Democrats

SPENCE, Brent
BROWN, Paul
PATMAN, Wright
MONRONEY, A.S. Mike
HAYS, Brooks
RAINS, Albert
BUCHANAN, Frank
MULTER, Abraham J.
DEANE, Charles B.
O'BRIEN, George D.
WOODHOUSE, Chase Going
McKINNON, Clinton D.
ADDONIZIO, Hugh J.
DOLLINGER, Isidore
MITCHELL, Hugh B.
O'HARA, Barratt

Kentucky
Georgia
Texas
Aklhoma
Arkansas
Alabama
Pennsylvania
New York
North Carolina
Michigan
Connecticut
California
New Jersey
New York
Washington
Illinois

Republicans

WOLCOTT, Jesse P.
GAMBLE, Ralph A.
SMITH, Frederick C.
KUNKEL, John C.
TALLE, Henry O.
McMILLEN, Rolla C.
KILBURN, Clarence E.
COLE, Albert M.
HULL, Merlin
SCOTT, Hardie
NICHOLSON, Donald W.

Michigan
New York
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Iowa
Illinois
New York
Kansas
Wisconsin
Pennsylvania
Massachusetts

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Thomas B. McCabe, Chairman

Marriner S. Eccles R. M. Evans M. S. Szymczak James K. Vardaman, Jr.
 Lawrence Clayton (died Dec. 4)

Elliott Thurston, Asst. to Chester Morrill, Special Winfield W. Riefler, Asst.
 the Board Adviser to the Board to the Chairman
 Woodlief Thomas, Economic Adviser to Board (eff. Oct. 1)

Office of the Secretary

S. R. Carpenter, Secretary
 Bray Hammond, Asst. Sec.
 Merritt Sherman, Asst. Sec.

Legal Division

George B. Vest, Gen. Counsel
 Frederic Solomon, Asst. Gen. Counsel
 John C. Baumann, Asst. Gen. Counsel

Office of the Solicitor

J. Leonard Townsend, Solicitor
 G. Howland Chas. Asst. Solicitor

Division of Research and Statistics

Woodlief Thomas, Director (up to Oct.)
 Ralph A. Young, Director (eff, Oct. 1)
 Ralph A. Young, Associate Dir. (to Oct.)
 Frank A. Southard, Jr. Associate Director
 (res. Feb. 28)

Division of Examinations

Edwin R. Millard, Director
 George S. Sloan, Asst. Dir.
 C. C. Hostrup, Asst. Dir.

Division of Bank Operations

Robert F. Leonard, Director
 J. E. Horbett, Asst. Dir.
 Lowell, Myrick, Asst. Dir.

Division of Personnel Administration

Fred A. Nelson, Director

Division of Administrative Services

Liston P. Bethea, Director
 Gardner L. Boothe II, Asst. Dir.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

District No. 1 (Boston)	Chas. E. Spencer, Jr., First Vice President
District No. 2 (New York)	W. Randolph Burgess
District No. 3 (Philadelphia)	Frederic A. Potts
District No. 4 (Cleveland)	Sidney B. Congdon
District No. 5 (Richmond)	Robert V. Fleming, Second Vice President
District No. 6 (Atlanta)	J. T. Brown
District No. 7 (Chicago)	Edward E. Brown, President
District No. 8 (St. Louis)	W. L. Hemingway
District No. 9 (Minneapolis)	Henry E. Atwood
District No. 10 (Kansas City)	James M. Kemper
District No. 11 (Dallas)	J. E. Woods
District No. 12 (San Francisco)	Reno Odlin
	Herbert V. Prochnow, Secretary

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE

Thomas B. McCabe, Chairman
Allan Sproul, Vice Chairman

Lawrence Clayton
Ernest G. Draper

E. C. Earhart
Marriner S. Eccles
M. S. Szymczak

R. M. Evans
Ray M. Gidney
James K. Vardaman, Jr.

Hugh Leach
W. S. McLarin, Jr.

Chester Morrill, Secretary
S. R. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
George B. Vest, General Counsel
Woodlief Thomas, Economist
Earle L. Rauber, Associate Economist
Donald S. Thompson, Associate Economist
O. P. Wheeler, Associate Economist
John H. Williams, Associate Economist
Robert G. Rouse, Manager of System Open Market Account

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Dist. 1)

OFFICERS

President	-	Joseph A. Erickson
First Vice President	-	William Willett

Vice Presidents

Robert B. Harvey	Carl B. Pitman
Ellis G. Hult	Oscar A. Schlaikjer
Earle O. Latham	Roy F. Van Amringe
Alfred C. Neal	

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent	-	Albert M. Creighton
Deputy Chairman	-	Harold D. Hodgkinson

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Dist. 1)

DIRECTORS

	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Class A</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>
STAMM, Earle W. (New London, Conn.)	1949
FORBES, Allan (Boston, Mass.)	1950
BRITTON, Russell H. (Rochester, N.H.)	1951 (elected)
<u>Class B</u>	
PATRICK, Roy L. (Burlington, Vt.)	1949
ALLEN, Philip R. (E. Walpole, Mass.)	1950
BLACKALL, Frederick S. (Jr.) (Woonsocket, R.I.)	1951 (re-elected)
<u>Class C</u>	
HODGKINSON, Harold D. (Boston, Mass) Deputy Chrman	1949
CREIGHTON, Albert M. (Boston, Mass.) Chrman & FR Agt.	1950
STEVENS, Ames (Lowell, Mass.)	1951 (re-elected)

OFFICERS

President	-	Allan Sproul
First Vice President	-	Leslie R. Rounds

Vice Presidents

Harold A. Bilby	Arthur Phelan
Herbert H. Kimball	Harold V. Roelse
L. Werner Knoke	Robert G. Rouse
Valentine Willis	Reginald B. Wiltse
Walter S. Logan	

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent	Robert T. Stevens
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Deputy Chairman	William I. Myers
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Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Dist. 2)

<u>Class A</u>	<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
ALDRICH, Winthrop W. (New York, N.Y.)		1949
WORDEN, Frederic E. (Auburn, N.Y.)		1950
PRESCOTT, Roger B. (Keeseville, N.Y.)		1951 (elected)
 <u>Class B</u>		
BROWN, Lewis H. (New York, N.Y.)		1949
*ADAMS, Charles E. (New York, N.Y.)		1950 (res. 5/12)
*FOLSOM, Marion B. (Rochester, N.Y.)		1950 (eff, July 15)
CRANE, Jay, E. (New York, N.Y.)		1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>		
CALKINS, Robert D. (New York, N.Y.)		1949
STEVENS, Robert T. (New York, N.Y.) Chairman & FR Agent		1950
MYERS, William I. (Ithaca, N.Y.) Deputy Chairman		1951 (re-appointed)

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Dist. 3)

OFFICERS

President - Alfred H. Williams
First Vice President - W. J. Davis

Vice Presidents

Ernest C. Hill Karl R. Bopp
William G. McCreehy Philip M. Poorman
Robert N. Hilkert L. E. Donaldson

* Chairman and Federal
Reserve Agent - Warren F. Whittier
* Deputy Chairman - C. Canby Balderston

* Mr. Whittier and Mr. Balderston received these titles effective March 18.

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (Dist. 3)

	<u>DIRECTORS</u>	Term Expires <u>Dec. 31</u>
<u>Class A</u>		
HENNING, John B. (Tunkhannock, Pa.)		1949
SWIFT, Archie D. (Philadelphia, Pa.)		1950
REILY, George W. (Harrisburg, Pa.)		1951 (re-elected)
<u>Class B</u>		
MEINEL, William J. (Philadelphia, Pa.)		1949
LIPPINCOTT, Walter H. (Wilmington, Del.)		1950
FROST, Albert G. (Camden, N.J.)		1951 (re-elected)
<u>Class C</u>		
WHITTIER, Warren F. (Chester Springs, Pa.)	*Deputy Chrman	1949
BALDERSTON, C. Canby (Philadelphia, Pa.)		1950
SHARPLES, Philip T. (Philadelphia, Pa.)		1951 (app. Eff. Mar. 18)

* Mr. Whittier was Deputy Chairman before March 18.

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Dist. 4)

OFFICERS

President - Ray M. Gidney
First Vice President - William H. Fletcher

Vice Presidents

W. D. Fulton
John W. Kossin
Alfred H. Laning
Roger R. Clouse

Paul C. Stetzelberger
Martin Morrison
Donald S. Thompson

Chairman and Federal
Reserve Agent - George C. Brainard
Deputy Chairman - A. Z. Baker

DIRECTORS

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
BAINER, John D. (Meadville, Pa.)	1949
ROHR, John T. (Toledo, Ohio)	1950
CONNER, Ben R. (Ada, Ohio)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class B</u>	
WRIGHT, Ross Pier (Erie, Pa.)	1949
*LUND, L. H. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1950 (died Mar. 14)
* AUSTIN, C. L. (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	1950 (eff. May 13)
BOWLEY, Joel M. (Cincinnati, Ohio)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>	
BRAINARD, Geo. C. (Cleveland, Ohio) Chrman & FR Agt.	1949
BAKER, A. Z. (Cleveland, Ohio) Deputy Chairman	1950
RUMMELL, Leo L. (Columbus, Ohio)	1951 (appointed)

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Dist. 5)

OFFICERS

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

Vice Presidents

K. Brantley Watson	Charles W. Williams
Edward A. Wayne	C. B. Strathy
R. W. Mercer	W. R. Milford
R. L. Cherry	

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent - Charles P. McCormick (
Deputy Chairman - J. Brockenbrough Woodward, Jr.

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Dist. 5)

<u>Class A</u>	<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
JOHNSON, Warren S. (Wilmington, N.C.)		1949
SYDENSTRICKER, John A. (Marlinton, W.Va.)		1950
HARRISON, James D. (Baltimore, Md.)		1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class B</u>		
RUST, H. L. (Jr.) (Washington, D. C.)		1949
PAGE, Cary L. (Wellford, S.C.)		1950
REED, Charles C. (Richmond, Va.)		1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>		
WOODWARD, J. B. (Jr.) (Newport News, Va.) Dep. Chrman		1949
MC CORMICK, Charles P. (Baltimore, Md.) Chrman & FR Agt		1950
WYSOR, W. G. (Richmond, Va.)		1951 (re-appointed)

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Dist. 6)

OFFICERS

President	-	W. S. McLarin, Jr.
First Vice President	-	L. M. Clark

Vice Presidents

P. L. T. Beavers	T. A. Lanford
V. K. Bowman	E. P. Paris
Joel B. Fort, Jr.	J. E. Denmark
	S. P. Schuessler

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent	-	Frank H. Neely
Deputy Chairman	-	Rufus C. Harris

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Dist. 6)

DIRECTORS

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
COOK, W. D. (Meridian, Miss.)	1949
WHITE, George J. (Mount Dora, Fla.)	1950
WILLIAMS, R. C. (Atlanta, Ga.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class B</u>	
COMER, Donald (Birmingham, Ala.)	1949
FREEMAN, A. B. (New Orleans, La.)	1950
MCCRARY, J. A. (Atlanta, Ga.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>	
HARRIS, Rufus C. (New Orleans, La.) Deputy Chrman	1949
NEELY, Frank H. (Atlanta, Ga.) Chrman & FR Agent	1950
REINHOLD, Paul E. (Jacksonville, Fla.)	1951 (appointed)

OFFICERS

President - C. S. Young
First Vice President - C. B. Dunn (res. Eff. Nov. 1)

Vice Presidents

N. B. Dawes	O. J. Netterstrom
W. R. Diercks	A. L. Olson
E. C. Harris	A. T. Sihler
J. K. Langum	W. W. Turner

Allan M. Black

Deputy Chairman - Franklin J. Lunding

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Dist. 7)

<u>Class A</u>	<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
FRENCH, Horace S. (Chicago, Ill.)		1949
JOHNSON, Vivian W. (Cedar Falls, Iowa)		1950
CUMMINGS, Walter J. (Chicago, Ill.)		1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class B</u>		
GREDE, William J. (Milwaukee, Wis.)		1949
NOYES, Nicholas H. (Indianapolis, Ind.)		1950
HEATH, Wm. C. (Milwaukee, Wis.)		1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>		
HOFFMAN, Paul G. (South Bend, Ind.)		1949
KLINE, Allan B. (Chicago, Ill.)		1950
LUNDING, F. J. (Barrington, Ill.) Deputy Chairman		1951 (re-appointed)

1949

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Dist. 8)

OFFICERS

President - Chester C. Davis
First Vice President - F. Guy Hitt

Vice Presidents

C. A. Schacht Paul E. Schroeder
O. M. Attebery Wm. H. Stead
Wm. E. Peterson C. M. Stewart

Chairman and Federal
Reserve Agent - Russell L. Dearmont
Deputy Chairman - Wm. H. Bryce

DIRECTORS

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
CORLIS, G. R. (Anna, Ill.)	1949
SMITH, Tom K. (St. Louis, Mo.)	1950
CHAPPELL, Phil E. (Hopkinsville, Ky.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class B</u>	
ENGEL, K. August (Little Rocke, Ark.)	1949
RUTHENBURG, Louis (Evansville, Ind.)	1950
ALEXANDER, M. Moss (St. Louis, Mo.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>	
DEARMONT, Russell L. (St. Louis, Mo.) Chrman & FR Agt.	1949
BRYCE, Wm. H. (Memphis, Tenn.) Deputy Chairman	1950

1949

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Dist. 9)

OFFICERS

President - John N. Peyton
First Vice President - Oliver S. Powell

Vice Presidents

Albert W. Mills	Harold G. McConnell
Otis R. Preston	Sigurd Ueland
Robert E. Towle	

Chairman and Federal
Reserve Agent - Roger B. Shepard

Deputy Chairman - W. D. Cochran

DIRECTORS

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
HILL, Clarence E. (Minneapolis, Minn.)	1949
McKNIGHT, J. R. (Pierre, S.D.)	1950
BURGES, C. W. (Edgeley, N.D.)	1951 (elected)
 <u>Class B</u>	
CLARK, Homer P. (St. Paul, Minn.)	1949
McLEOD, Walter H. (Missoula, Mont.)	1950
LANGE, Ray C. (Chippewa Falls, Wis.)	1951 (elected re-)
 <u>Class C</u>	
COCHRAN, W. D. (Iron Mountain, Mich.) Dep. Chrman	1949
SHEPARD, Roger B. (St. Paul, Minn.) Chairman & FR Agt.	1950
MILLER, Paul E. (St. Paul, Minn.)	1951 (re-appointed)

1949

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dist. 10)

OFFICERS

President - H. G. Leedy
First Vice President - Henry O. Koppang

Vice Presidents

D. W. Woolley	L. H. Earhart
Delos C. Johns	G. H. Pipkin
John Phillips, Jr.	R. L. Mathes
C. E. Sandy	

Chairman and Federal
Reserve Agent - Robert B. Caldwell
Deputy Chairman - Robert L. Mehornay

1949

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dist. 10)

DIRECTORS

<u>Class A</u>	Term Expires <u>Dec. 31</u>
LIMBOCKER, M. A. (Emporia, Kans.)	1949
BUNTEN, W. L. (Goodland, Kans.)	1950
DINES, T. A. (Denver, Colo.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class B</u>	
BERNARDIN, J. M. (Kansas City, Mo.)	1949
HUTSON, L. C. (Chickasha, Okla.)	1950
HOSFORD, Willard D. (Omaha, Neb.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>	
CALDWELL, Robert B. (Kansas City, Mo.) Chrman & FR Agt.	1949
MEHORNAY, Robert L. (Kansas City, Mo.) Dep. Chrman	1950
HAGUE, Lyle L. (Cherokee, Okla.)	1951 (re-appointed)

1949

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Dist. 11)

OFFICERS

President - R. R. Gilbert
First Vice President - W. D. Gentry

Vice Presidents

R. B. Coleman	W. H. Holloway
E. B. Austin	H. R. DeMoss
L. G. Pondrom	W. H. Irons
W. E. Eagle	Mac C. Smyth
	C. M. Rowland

Chairman and Federal
Reserve Agent - J. P. Parten
Deputy Chairman - R. B. Anderson

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Dist. 11)

DIRECTORS

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
McLAUGHLIN, J. Edd (Dallas, Texas)	1949
PETERSON, W. L. (Denison, Texas)	1950
BUTLER, P. P. (Houston, Texas)	1951 (elected)
 <u>Class B</u>	
MacGREGOR, George L. (Dallas, Texas)	1949
BEALL, W. F. (Jacksonville, Texas)	1950
MILAM, J. R. (Waco, Texas)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>	
PARTEN, J. R. (Houston, Texas) Chairman and FR Agent	1949
FRIERSON, G. A. (Shreveport, La.)	1950
ANDERSON, R. B. (Vernon, Texas) Deputy Chairman	1951 (re-appointed)

OFFICERS

President - C. E. Earhart
First Vice President - H. N. Mangels

Vice Presidents

Albert C. Agnew	J. M. Leisner
W. N. Ambrose	W. L. Partner
D. L. Davis	C. R. Shaw
H. F. Slade	W. F. Volberg
O. P. Wheeler	

Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent - Brayton Wilbur

Deputy Chairman - Harry R. Wellman

DIRECTORS

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Term Expires</u> <u>Dec. 31</u>
CROCKER, William W. (San Francisco, Calif.)	1949
STEWART, Chas. H. (Portland, Ore.)	1950
BYRD, Carroll F. (Willows, Calif.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class B</u>	
JOHNSON, Walter S. (San Francisco, Calif.)	1949
HOLDEN, St. George (San Francisco, Calif.)	1950
TAYLOR, Reese H. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	1951 (re-elected)
 <u>Class C</u>	
WILBUR, Brayton (San Francisco, Calif.) Chairman & Agt.	1949
WALLACE, Wm. R. (Jr.) (San Francisco, Calif.)	1950
WELLMAN, Harry R. (Berkeley, Calif.) Deputy Chrman.	1951 (re-appointed)

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HEARINGS

U.S. Congress. Joint committee on the economic report. (Douglas subcommittee)

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HEARINGS before the subcommittee...81st cong., 1st sess. pursuant to Sec. 5(A) of Pub. Law no 304, 79th cong. Sept. 23, Nov. 16-18, 22, 23 and Dec. 1-3, 5, 7, 1949. Wash, Govt. ptg. off., 1949

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HEARINGS

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

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To extend consumer credit controls and to provide for bank reserve requirements:

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HEARINGS ... 81st, 1st sess. on S.1775, a bill to provide for supplemental reserve requirements for insured banks and S.J.Res.37, a joint resolution to extend the authority of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to exercise consumer credit controls. May 11-13, 1949. Wash., Govt. ptg. off., 1949.

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Testimony: Brown, Edward E. (Pres., Fed. Advisory Council)

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U.S. congress. House. Banking and Currency
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Amendments to Federal Reserve Act: HEARING
on H.R. 7894 (81st, 2nd sess.) a bill to
amend section 14 (b) of the Federal Reserve
Act, as amended. June 14, 1950. (In: Miscellaneous
Hearings, 81st cong.) Wash., Govt. ptg. off., 1950.
pp. 333-358.

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Testimony: Thomas, Dr. (Woodlief) June 14 pp. 344-357
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" testimony incl. Board's letter May 3, 1950

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HEARINGS

June 14

U.S. Congress. House. Banking and Currency
committee.

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2560

Amendments to Federal Reserve Act: HEARING
on S.3105 (81st cong. 2nd sess.) an act to
amend Sec.10 of the Federal Reserve Act, and
for other purposes. June 14, 1950.
(In: Miscellaneous Hearings, 81st.cong.) pp.361-367.
Wash., Govt.ptg.off., 1950.

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Testimony: West, George B. (Gen. Coun F.R. Bd.)

June 14, '50 pp.361-367

testimony includes Board's letter, Feb. 23 '50

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"Funds and branches of F.R. Banks." a

[PUBLIC LAW 6—81ST CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 6—1ST SESSION]

[S. 547]

AN ACT

To continue through September 30, 1949, certain authority conferred on the President by section 2 of Public Law 395, Eightieth Congress, regarding voluntary agreements and plans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 2 of Public Law 395, Eightieth Congress (61 Stat. 945), is hereby amended by striking out "March 1, 1949" and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1949".

Subsection (f) of said section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(f) This section shall expire on September 30, 1949, and any requests made and voluntary plans adopted under this section shall have no force or effect thereafter."

Approved February 9, 1949.

Section 5136 of the Revised Statutes of the United States was amended so as to remove restrictions upon national banks and State member banks with respect to dealing in and underwriting obligations issued by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, subject to the limitation that a bank's holding of such obligations shall not exceed 10 per cent of its capital and surplus. (63 Stat. 298.)

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.

1949

July 15

HOUSING ACT OF 1949

LEGISLATION

Dealings in housing obligations.

Section 5136 of the Revised Statutes of the United States was amended so as to remove restrictions upon national banks and State member banks with respect to dealing in, underwriting, and purchasing for their own accounts certain obligations of local public agencies and public housing agencies secured by agreements with Federal Housing authorities. Section 5200 of the Revised Statutes was also amended to provide that the limitations upon loans by a national bank to any one borrower shall not apply to similar obligations of such agencies. (63 Stat. 439.)

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.

1949
October 25

LEGISLATION

[PUBLIC LAW 376—81ST CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 713—1ST SESSION]

[H. R. 6185]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Credit Union Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (5) of section 7 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U. S. C., secs. 1751-1772) is hereby amended by striking out in the first sentence thereof "two years" and inserting in lieu thereof "three years".

SEC. 2. The fourth sentence of subsection (d) of section 11 of the Federal Credit Union Act is amended by striking out "\$300" wherever it appears in such sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "\$400".

SEC. 3. Section 12 of the Federal Credit Union Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12 RESERVES.—All entrance fees and fines provided by the bylaws and 20 per centum of the net earnings of each year, before the declaration of any dividend, shall be set aside as a regular reserve against losses on bad loans and such other losses as may be specified in the bylaws in accordance with regulations prescribed under this Act: *Provided, however,* That when the regular reserve thus established shall equal 10 per centum of the total amount of members' shareholdings, no further transfer of net earnings to such regular reserve shall be required except that such amounts not in excess of 20 per centum of the net earnings as may be needed to maintain this 10 per centum ratio shall be transferred. In addition to such regular reserve, special reserves to protect the interests of members shall be established when required (a) by regulation, or (b) in any special case, when found by the director to be necessary for that purpose."

Approved October 25, 1949.

January 1949 to September 1949

Apparent Intent - For other purposes

- Open Market Operations - Reduced holdings of Government securities by more than \$5 billion. Sold over \$3 billion of bonds from January through June; sold or redeemed \$2 billion of bills, certificates, and notes.
- Reserve Requirements -
- Selective Regulations -
- Surrounding Circumstances - To prevent prices of long-term bonds from rising sharply and to meet heavy demands for short-term United States securities arising out of reduced member bank reserve requirements, net Government disbursements, reduced currency circulation, gold inflow, and other factors. More flexible credit policy announced June 28 determining operations on basis of the needs of general business and credit situation and of maintaining orderly conditions in the Government security market, rather than a fixed pattern of rates on United States Government securities. Open market operations throughout the period consistent with easier credit conditions, while recession lasted.

Source: Joint Committee on the Economic Report
 Monetary Policy and the Management of the Public Debt (Patman Report) 1952,

Page 226 & Page 227

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March 1949

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

POLICY ACTION

Apparent Intent - Expansionary

- Open Market Operations -
- Reserve Requirements -
- Selective Regulations - Margin requirements reduced from 75 to 50 percent of market value.
- Surrounding Circumstances - Stock market credit outstanding was close to the lowest level on record. Stock prices declining and volume of trading low. Equity financing of business small.

Source: Joint Committee on the Economic Report
Monetary Policy and the Management of the Public Debt (Patman Report) 1952,
Page 226.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

POLICY ACTION

March 1949 to April 1949

Apparent Intent - Expansionary

- Open Market Operations -
- Reserve Requirements -
- Selective Regulations - On consumer installment credit reduced down payment to 10 percent (except on autos); increased maturity to 24 months on all listed articles.
- Surrounding Circumstances - Consumer buying pressures had moderated significantly; many commodities covered by regulation in larger supply; consumer installment credit expanding less rapidly than formerly; general inflationary pressures had abated somewhat.

Source: Joint Committee on the Economic Report
 Monetary Policy and the Management of the Public Debt (Patman Report) 1952,
 Page 226.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

POLICY ACTION

May 1949 to September 1949

Apparent Intent - Expansionary

- Open Market Operations -
- Reserve Requirements - Reduced on demand deposits by 4 percentage points; on time deposits by 2 1/2 percentage points. Changes in several steps.
- Selective Regulations -
- Surrounding Circumstances - Recession in business and prices. Credit policy aimed at encouraging a high level of business activity, but avoiding conditions of such ease as would prevent needed adjustments or encourage undue expansion.

Source: Joint Committee on the Economic Report
Monetary Policy and the Management of the Public Debt (Patman Report) 1952,
Page 226.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

POLICY ACTION

November 1949 to June 1950

Apparent Intent - *Restrictive
**For other purposes

- Open Market Operations - *Sold \$1.5 billion of long-term Treasury bonds.
**Bought a net of \$1.6 billion of short-term Government securities. Little change in total portfolio.
- Discount Rate -
- Moral Suasion -
- Selective Regulations -
- Surrounding Circumstances - *Sales of bonds to meet market demand for long-term securities and discourage over-extension of private long-term financing.
**Operations designed to allow money market to firm moderately in response to increased demand for funds, as business recovery gained momentum and signs of inflationary pressures reappeared, and at same time to aid Treasury refunding. Slight rise in yields on both short-term and long-term securities.

Source: Joint Committee on the Economic Report
Monetary Policy and the Management of the Public Debt (Patman Report) 1952,