

July 16, 1941

To: Chairman Eccles

From: Mr. Dreibelbis



In connection with the bills to revive the President's power to reorganize the administrative agencies of Government which I prepared for you last week I thought you might be interested in the attached memorandum showing how and under what circumstances various agencies were exempted in the original bill.

Attachment

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Office Correspondence

Date July 16, 1941.

To Mr. Dreibelbis

Subject: Agencies Proposed to be

From Mr. Hooff

Exempted under Reorganization Act of 1939.

H. R. 4425, which became the Reorganization Act of 1939, as originally introduced and as reported out by the House Committee excepted the following agencies:

Civil Service Commission;
Coast Guard;
Engineer Corps of the United States Army;
Federal Communications Commission;
Federal Power Commission;
Federal Trade Commission;
General Accounting Office;
Interstate Commerce Commission;
National Bituminous Coal Commission;
National Labor Relations Board;
Securities and Exchange Commission;
United States Board of Tax Appeals;
United States Employees' Compensation Commission;
United States Maritime Commission;
United States Tariff Commission;
Veterans' Administration.

When the bill was being debated in the House, the following agencies were suggested for exception:

National Mediation Board - Mr. Crosser - Agreed To (D. Ohio);
National Railroad Adjustment Board - Mr. Crosser - Agreed To (D. Ohio);
Railroad Retirement Board - Mr. Crosser - Agreed To (D. Ohio);
Rural Electrification Administration - Mr. Rankin - Rejected (D. Miss.);
Civil Aeronautics Authority - Mr. Randolph - Rejected (D. W. Va.);
U. S. Employment Service - Mr. Rogers - Rejected (R. Mass.);
Railroad Retirement Board - Mr. Van Zandt - Rejected (R. Pa.);
U. S. Forest Service - Mr. Mott - Rejected (R. Oregon).

It was suggested that the following agencies be stricken from the list of those excepted:

National Bituminous Coal Commission - Mr. Allen - Agreed To (D. Pa.);
Civil Service Commission - Mr. Nichols - Rejected (D. Okla.);
Coast Guard - Mr. Schafer - Rejected (R. Wisc.);
National Labor Relations Board - Mr. Hoffman - Rejected (R. Mich.);
U. S. Tariff Commission - Mr. Hawks - Rejected (R. Wisc.).

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The bill was presented to the Senate and its Committee added the following agencies to those excepted, which was agreed to by the Senate:

Mississippi River Commission;
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The Committee also recommended that the following agencies be stricken from the list of those excepted, but this suggestion was not followed by the Senate:

U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission;
U. S. Tariff Commission.

When the bill was debated in the Senate, the exception of the following agencies was recommended:

Civil Aeronautics Authority - Mr. McCarran - Rejected (D. Nev.);
Federal Home Loan Bank Board - Mr. Taft - Rejected (R. Ohio);
Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation - Mr. Taft -
Rejected (R. Ohio).

The Act as finally enacted April 3, 1939, excepted the following agencies:

Civil Service Commission;
Coast Guard;
Engineer Corps of the United States Army;
Mississippi River Commission;
Federal Communications Commission;
Federal Power Commission;
Federal Trade Commission;
General Accounting Office;
Interstate Commerce Commission;
National Labor Relations Board;
Securities and Exchange Commission;
Board of Tax Appeals;
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United States Maritime Commission;
United States Tariff Commission;
Veterans' Administration;
National Mediation Board;
National Railroad Adjustment Board;
Railroad Retirement Board;
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Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

