

Mr. Clayton

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Governor Eccles

Mr. Goldenweiser

I suggest that the following proviso be added to the pension provision in the proposed bill. I haven't tried to phrase it, but merely to give the idea:

"Provided: That if the service of a Member of the Board shall expire by termination of his term of office after he has passed the age of 65 he shall be eligible to retirement on the same basis as though his age were 70."

The reason for this change is that the proposal as it reads now would be manifestly unfair to a person whose term on the Board expired when he was 67 or 68. He may have given his life to service on the Board, and when he was not reappointed on account of old age, he would not receive any pension whatsoever. The pressure for reappointments in those cases would be great, which in itself is not desirable, and in case the reappointment was not made, it would be evidently unfair to the incumbent.