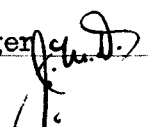


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To Governor Eccles

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Urged by Dr. Alfred P. Haake, managing director National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, Chicago, to oppose Government competition with private enterprise as an "outstanding menace," the convention (1,978 registered delegates) unanimously adopted "a request" that federal, state and municipal governments definitely abandon competitive policy. No specific reference apparently was made to the competitive aspect of the housing policy.

On Wednesday Mr. Moffett told the convention 750,000 men had been put to work on residential and industrial modernization at an actual expenditure by the Government of \$1,000,000. Mr. Moffett remarked: "I think that is a very small cost for putting three-quarters of a million men back to work."

Mr. Moffett said that the "new nation-wide home mortgage financing system," which he described as part of "the long-range reform contemplated in the National Housing Act," had been delayed by three factors:

1. Need of legislation in various states to permit lending institutions to accept mortgages up to 80% of valuations.
2. Hesitation of private capital to set up national mortgage discount institutions to provide liquidity for such mortgages.
3. Uncertainty of prospective house owners and of lenders concerning the advantages and effect of Federal housing projects.

"There is plenty of private capital available," Mr. Moffett asserted, "as soon as these factors have been adjusted."

Harvey Wiley Corbett, architect of Rockefeller City and other notable structures, told the convention on Wednesday that the future of housing lay in the mass production of pre-fabricated homes in which there would probably be little or no wood. He said that "within the next six months you will see three or four major concerns offering pre-fabricated houses on the market."

Convention adjourned yesterday.