

Board Views on Proposed LegislationFarm Credit Administration

May 23, 1940. H.R.9843. In a letter the Board agreed in principle to permitting Reserve Banks to make advances to Federal Land Banks for periods not in excess of one year on promissory notes of such banks, collateralized by notes, etc., given by borrowers, provided such advances were made in accordance with the general credit policy pursued by the System from time to time.

Governor Davis (informally 5/16/40) opposed provisions of bill (S.3509) that would give Government a monopoly over farm mortgage credit.

Home Loan Bank System

June 13, 1940. In a letter Board opposed S.4095 "To amend the Federal Home Loan Act, HOLC Act of 1933, title IV of National Housing Act, and for other purposes."

The bill would permit the operations of the Home Loan Bank System to be expanded far beyond the scope of its original purposes and would so enlarge the field of their permissible operations and the sources from which they attract funds that it may be considered as having the effect of establishing a separate and complete banking system.

Similar views also expressed in letters dated

June 4, 1940 on S. 2098

June 7, 1939 on H.R. 5535

March 17, 1939 on a draft of a bill

June 7, 1937

Opposed section of bill (H.R.3420) which would permit (1) Reserve Banks to buy and sell open-market obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks and (2) would permit HOLC to acquire obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks.

Silver Legislation

Statement of Chairman Eccles, March 23, 1939, opposing issuance of additional U. S. currency -- silver certificates or U. S. notes.