

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board at 11:00 a. m. on Monday, December 13,

PRESENT:

Mr. Hamlin, presiding Mr. Warburg
Mr. Delano Mr. Harding
Mr. Williams Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the following meetings were read and approved:

Meetings of the Board, November 15, morning and afternoon.
Meetings of the Board, December 3 and December 4.
Also meetings of November 22, morning and afternoon, subject to assent of the Secretary of the Treasury.
Meetings of Executive Committee of December 6, 8 and 10.
Informal conference, December 7.

The minutes of the following meetings were reported favorably by the committee, and ordered entered without reading:

Meeting with Advisory Council, November 18.
Meeting with Federal Reserve Agents, November 4 and 6.

Mr. Hamlin presented the opinion of Mr.

Elliott with reference to the meaning and scope of the recent opinion of the Attorney General regarding the redistricting question, and by informal agreement this opinion was referred to the Committee on Redistricting.

A draft of a letter to the Attorney General relating to the question of the Board's power as to clearing, was read, and referred to the Committee on Clearings.

The question of having the Board appear before the Joint Committee on Rural Credits was discussed, and on motion referred to Mr. Harding for arrangement.

Mr. Delano called attention to the fact that a third revision of the report of the Committee on Redistricting under date of December 4, had been distributed to all members of the Board, and was now formally presented to the Board.

Noting that Counsel had been asked to prepare a draft of an amendment on branches of national banks, Mr. Williams said that he was now

engaged on his annual report and intended to lay before the Board for such comment as desired, the proposals for changes in the law he intended to make.

He expressed a willingness to give to each member of the Board a list of his proposed recommendations for consideration.

Mr. Hamlin called attention to the memorandum of the Attorney General with reference to the disposition of the surplus incomes of the Board. He thought the matter ought to go to the Comptroller of the Treasury. It was informally agreed that the Committee on Law should prepare a letter to the Comptroller of the Treasury on this subject.

It was informally agreed that the date for voting on a change in the functions of deputy Federal reserve agents should be deferred from Wednesday morning to Thursday afternoon or Friday afternoon of this week.

On motion applications for Federal reserve notes, duly recommended by the Committee on Issue

and Redemption, were approved as follows:

For the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond,
\$480,000, as follows:

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| \$10 denominations | \$240,000 |
| 20 " | 240,000. |

For the Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
\$2,000,000, as follows:

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| \$5 denominations | \$2,000,000. |
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The Secretary of the Board presented a request from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for an open market rate for use at New Orleans. The matter was referred to Mr. Warburg, Mr. Harding and the Secretary of the Board with power to act.

The Secretary of the Board presented a letter from Federal Reserve Agent Rich regarding the reappointment of Mr. P. M. Kerst as deputy Federal reserve agent at Minneapolis.

A letter from Governor McDougal of Chicago regarding the policy on clearings, and the draft of a reply thereto, were presented by the Secretary of the Board, read and the reply approved and ordered sent.

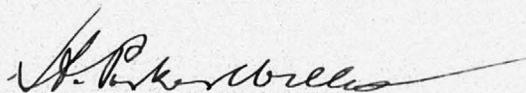
Mr. Williams suggested that the Board obtain an opinion of Counsel as to the power of the Board to remove directors of reserve banks. No action was taken.

The Secretary of the Board was authorized to say in reply to inquiries that salary lists for the several banks would be given in the annual report.

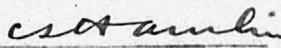
The draft of a letter to Congressman McFadden was referred to Mr. Warburg and the Secretary of the Board with power to act.

Mr. Warburg stated that he had been invited to attend the Credit Men's annual meeting in New York, on January 26. On motion he was requested to accept the invitation at the expense of the Board.

On motion at 1:30 p. m., the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, December 15, at 11:00 a. m.


Secretary.

APPROVED


Chairman.