

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Wednesday, November 13, 1946.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Draper
Mr. Evans

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary
Mr. Sherman, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Morrill, Special Adviser
Mr. Thurston, Assistant to the Chairman

As stated in the minutes of October 30, 1946, Mr. Vardaman was absent on official business.

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on November 12, 1946, were approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 8, 1946, from Mr. Carpenter recommending that Mrs. Frances S. Fitzgerald, General Assistant in the Secretary's Office, be granted an extension of leave without pay for a period of not to exceed six months beginning December 1, 1946. The memorandum also recommended that her death benefits under the Retirement System be continued during the period of her absence, with the understanding that she would make the necessary payments therefor.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 6, 1946, from Mr. Thomas, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Lucile Roberts MacLean as a Library Assistant in that Division, on a temporary indefinite basis, with basic salary at the rate of \$2,394.00 per annum, effective as of the date upon which she

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enters upon the performance of her duties after having passed the usual physical examination. The memorandum also stated that it was contemplated that Mrs. MacLean would become a member of the Federal Reserve retirement system.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 12, 1946, from Mr. Leonard, Director of the Division of Examinations, recommending that the resignation of John C. Deskin, an Assistant Federal Reserve Examiner in that Division, be accepted to be effective, in accordance with his request, at the close of business November 15, 1946, with the understanding that a lump sum payment would be made for any annual leave remaining to his credit as of that date.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Willett, First Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, reading as follows:

"This refers to your letter of October 17, 1946, advising of the results of the general review made by your Bank of all cases in which member banks in your District have been granted authority either to accept drafts and bills of exchange up to 100 per cent of their capital and surplus or to accept drafts or bills drawn to furnish dollar exchange.

"In accordance with the recommendation made in your letter, the Board has today rescinded the authority of the member banks named below to accept drafts and bills of exchange up to 100 per cent of their capital and surplus. In the case of the Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, the Board has today likewise rescinded the authority of that bank to accept drafts or bills drawn to furnish dollar exchange.

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"Hartford National Bank and Trust Company,
 Hartford, Connecticut
 The First National Bank and Trust Company of
 New Haven, New Haven, Connecticut
 The Canal National Bank of Portland,
 Portland, Maine
 First Portland National Bank, Portland, Maine
 Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts
 The Safety Fund National Bank of Fitchburg,
 Fitchburg, Massachusetts
 The First National Bank of New Bedford, New
 Bedford, Massachusetts
 The Safe Deposit National Bank of New Bedford,
 New Bedford, Massachusetts
 Springfield National Bank, Springfield,
 Massachusetts
 The National Bank of Commerce and Trust Company
 of Providence, Providence, Rhode Island
 The Providence National Bank, Providence,
 Rhode Island

"There are enclosed letters addressed by the Board to these banks with respect to this matter; and it will be appreciated if you will promptly transmit them to the banks affected. For your records, there is also enclosed a copy of each such letter."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Dawes, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, reading as follows:

"This refers to your letter of October 16, 1946, advising of the results of the general review made by your bank of all cases in which member banks in your district have been granted authority to accept drafts or bills of exchange up to 100 per cent of their capital and surplus or authority to accept drafts or bills drawn to furnish dollar exchange.

"In accordance with the recommendation made in your letter, the Board has today rescinded the authority of the member banks named below to accept drafts and bills of exchange up to 100 per cent of their capital and surplus, such rescission to become effective March 1, 1947:

Commercial National Bank of Peoria,
 Peoria, Illinois
 The Riddell National Bank of Brazil,
 Brazil, Indiana

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"There are enclosed letters addressed by the Board to these banks with respect to this matter; and it will be appreciated if you will promptly transmit them to the banks affected. For your records, there is also enclosed a copy of each such letter."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Earhart, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, reading as follows:

"This refers to your letter of October 18, 1946, advising of the results of the general review made by your bank of all cases in which member banks in your district have been granted authority to accept drafts or bills of exchange up to 100 per cent of their capital and surplus or authority to accept drafts or bills drawn to furnish dollar exchange.

"In accordance with the recommendation made in your letter, the Board has today rescinded the authority of the member banks named below to accept drafts and bills of exchange up to 100 per cent of their capital and surplus, such rescission to become effective March 1, 1947:

First National Trust and Savings Bank of
Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California
The Old National Bank of Spokane, Spokane,
Washington

National Bank of Washington, Tacoma, Washington
"There are enclosed letters addressed by the Board to these banks with respect to this matter; and it will be appreciated if you will promptly transmit them to the banks affected. For your records, there is also enclosed a copy of each such letter."

Approved unanimously.

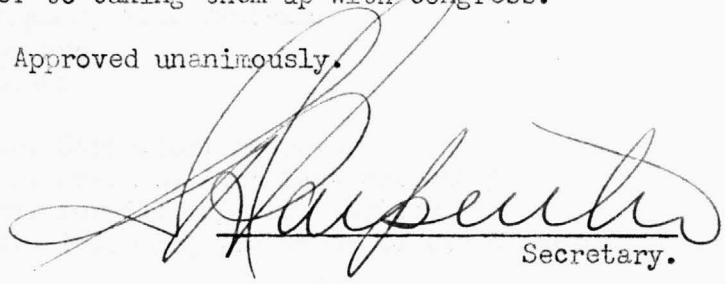
Letter to Mr. Sproul, Chairman of the Conference of Presidents, reading as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of Mr. Davis's letter of October 31, 1946, transmitting a copy of a report on legislation approved by the Presidents' Conference on October 1, 1946.

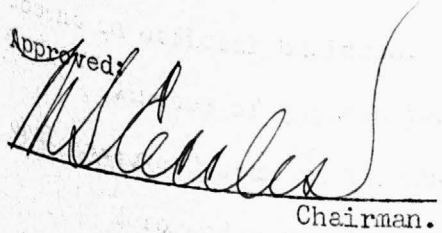
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"You may be assured that careful consideration will be given to the comments and suggestions of the Presidents on these matters prior to taking them up with Congress."

Approved unanimously.


Secretary.

Approved:


Chairman.