

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Monday, January 14, 1952.

PRESENT: Mr. Martin, Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. Evans
Mr. Norton

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary
Mr. Sherman, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Kenyon, Assistant Secretary

Minutes of actions taken by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on January 11, 1952, were approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Caldwell, Federal Reserve Agent, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, reading as follows:

"In accordance with the request contained in Mr. Koppang's letter of January 11, 1952, the Board of Governors approves, subject to clearance by the appropriate wage and salary boards, the payment of salaries to the following named members of the Federal Reserve Agent's staff at the rates indicated, effective January 1, 1952:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
<u>Head Office</u>		
Maurice Allendoerfer	Assistant F. R. Agent	\$5,196
Kenneth B. Self	Alternate Asst. F. R. Agent	6,312
Paul V. Wysong	Alternate Asst. F. R. Agent	6,516
<u>Denver Branch</u>		
William R. Young	F. R. Agent's Representative	5,652
H. B. Fisher	F. R. Agent's Representative	5,316
<u>Oklahoma City Branch</u>		
David E. Chase	F. R. Agent's Representative	5,652
Lee G. Cox	F. R. Agent's Representative	5,520
<u>Omaha Branch</u>		
William F. Fairley	F. R. Agent's Representative	5,652
Earl O. Streeter	F. R. Agent's Representative	5,412"

Approved unanimously.

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Letter to the Presidents of all Federal Reserve Banks, reading as follows:

"Replies to the letter dated December 3, 1951, from the Board's Division of Examinations to the officers in charge of examinations at the various Reserve Banks indicate that the arrangements proposed for holding a System conference of trust examiners in Washington are acceptable. Accordingly, a 'Trust Examiners' Conference will be held in the Board's offices on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, January 31, February 1 and 2, 1952.

"This conference will be devoted primarily to consideration of procedures relating to the examination of trust departments of member banks and to practices concerned with preparation of trust examination reports. It is planned that one day will be given over to discussion of several phases of trust examination work which are of a controversial nature and which currently present problems in examination practice. A copy of the agenda for the conference is enclosed.

"It is sincerely hoped that the conference may be of material benefit to all participants and that the opportunity afforded Reserve Bank representatives to attend the Mid-Winter Trust Conference of the American Bankers Association, to be held in New York during the first three days of the following week, may also be of value."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Hampton Powell, Vice President, The Lane Company, Inc., Altavista, Virginia, reading as follows:

"This refers to your letters of January 2, 1952, to Governor Evans and Mr. Fauver requesting that cedar chests be eliminated from Regulation W--Consumer Credit--or that the \$50 exemption from down payment be raised to \$75. We have read with interest the copy you enclosed of the letter dated December 14, 1951, from Mr. O. C. Bowden, President of Sterchi Brothers Stores, Incorporated. We appreciate your interest in informing us about your problems in your recurring letters and visits to the Board.

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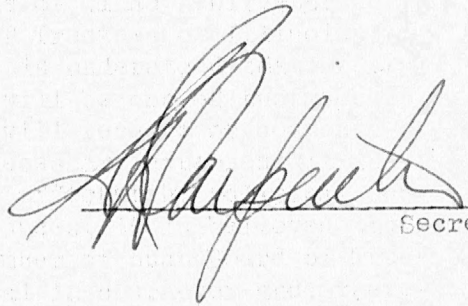
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"The Board is very much interested that the provisions of the regulation may not be unduly restrictive in the case of individual articles or businesses, but it must also consider that the regulation must strongly curb instalment credit as a whole if it is to accomplish its purpose of helping to restrain serious inflationary forces in the present emergency.

"As indicated in our conversations with you, the Board feels that raising the \$50 exemption from the down payment would constitute a substantial relaxation which is not in the national interest at this time. Furthermore, although we recognize that particular competitive problems exist in the merchandising of cedar chests, it does not seem to us that an exemption for cedar chests alone would be equitable to producers of many related furniture items.

"Accordingly, the Board has decided against granting your request at this time."

Approved unanimously.



Secretary.