

STATE OF THE ECONOMY AND POLICIES FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1962

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room AE-1, the Capitol, Hon. Wright Patman (chairman) presiding.

Present: Representative Patman; Senators Proxmire and Bush.

Present also: William Summers Johnson, executive director; John R. Stark, clerk; Hamilton D. Gewehr, research assistant.

Chairman PATMAN. The committee will please come to order.

Dr. Nourse, will you come around, please?

The committee continues hearings on the state of the economy and policies for full employment.

This morning we are concentrating on competition and monopoly problems and the question of how to strengthen and maintain competition, which is our historic national policy for trying to achieve full employment and growth and progress in our economy.

Our first witness this morning is Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, the first Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and a distinguished educator and economist.

Dr. Nourse, I see you have a prepared statement. You may proceed in your own way. If you would like to, you can file a statement, and it will go in the record at this point, and then you can summarize it and comment on the parts that you think are necessary.

I mention that in view of the fact that we have a panel coming on after you, and it looks as if we will just have this morning to do the whole thing. And then we would like to have you, if you desire to do so or are willing to do so, join the panel. Then we will ask all of you questions.

Whichever you prefer, sir. We are indeed glad to have you.

STATEMENT OF DR. EDWIN G. NOURSE, FORMER CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, 1946-49

Dr. NOURSE. Mr. Chairman, it is a pleasure to be back here testifying before this committee, which I have done several times over the years.

My paper is only five pages, and I think, I probably would not be able to pick out its highlights very well.

Chairman PATMAN. You may proceed in your own way.

Dr. NOURSE. It seems a good augury for the continuing intellectual leadership rendered by the Joint Economic Committee that the chair-