

sessions or other activities of the Conference. The alternate member shall have all the obligations and privileges of full membership in the Conference on such occasions.

(d) Members of the Conference other than the Chairman shall receive no compensation for service, but members appointed from outside the Federal Government shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons serving without compensation.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CONFERENCE

SEC. 5. To carry out the purposes of this Act the Conference is authorized to—

- (a) study the efficiency, adequacy, and fairness of the administrative procedure used by administrative agencies in carrying out administrative programs;
- (b) make recommendations to administrative agencies, collectively or individually, and to the President, the Congress, or the Judicial Conference of the United States, as it deems appropriate;
- (c) arrange for interchange among administrative agencies of information potentially useful in improving administrative procedure; and
- (d) collect from administrative agencies and publish such reports of operating statistics as it deems useful for evaluating and improving administrative procedure.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

SEC. 6. (a) The membership of the Conference meeting in plenary session shall constitute the Assembly of the Conference. The Assembly shall have ultimate authority over all activities of the Conference. Specifically, it shall have power to (1) adopt such recommendations as it deems appropriate for improving administrative procedure: *Provided*, That any member or members who disagree with a recommendation adopted by the Assembly shall be accorded the privilege of entering dissenting opinions and alternative proposals in the record of Conference proceedings, and the opinions and proposals so entered shall accompany the Conference recommendation in any publication or distribution thereof; and (2) adopt bylaws and regulations not inconsistent with this Act for carrying out the functions of the Conference, including the creation of such committees as it deems necessary for the conduct of studies and the development of recommendations for consideration by the Assembly.

(b) The Conference shall include a Council composed preponderantly of Federal officials and personnel. The Council shall consist of the Chairman of the Conference, who shall be the Chairman of the Council, and ten other members appointed by the President for three-year terms, except that the Council members initially appointed shall serve for one, two, or three years, as designated by the President, and each member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. The Council shall have power to (1) determine the time and place of plenary sessions of the Conference and the agenda for such meetings; (2) propose bylaws and regulations, including rules of procedure and committee organization, for adoption by the Assembly; (3) make recommendations to the Conference or its committees upon any subject germane to the purposes of the Conference; (4) receive and consider reports and recommendations of committees of the Conference and transmit them to members of the Conference with the views and recommendations of the Council; (5) designate a member of the Council to preside at meetings of the Council in the absence or incapacity of the Chairman and Vice Chairman; (6) designate such additional officers of the Conference as it may deem desirable; (7) approve or revise the Chairman's budgetary proposals; and (8) exercise such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Assembly.

(c) The Chairman shall be the chief executive of the Conference. In that capacity he shall have power to (1) make preliminary inquiries into matters he deems important for Conference considerations, including matters proposed by persons inside or outside the Federal Government; (2) be the official spokesman for the Conference in relations with the several branches and agencies of the Federal Government and with interested organizations and individuals outside the Government, including responsibility for encouraging Federal agencies to effectuate the recommendations of the Conference; (3) request agency heads to provide information needed by the Conference, which information shall be supplied to the extent permitted by law or agency regulations; (4) recommend