

**STATEMENT OF WEBSTER P. MAXSON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;
ACCOMPANIED BY HENRY WILLIAMS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Senator LONG. I also have a biographical sketch of you that will be placed in the record at this time.

(The document referred to follows:)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH ON WEBSTER P. MAXSON

Born September 24, 1916, Rockford, Ill., the second of four sons of Harold S. and Bertha (Kapple) Maxson.

Attended the public schools in Longmeadow, Mass.

Graduated from Amherst College (1939) and the University of Cincinnati Law School (1949) and studied accounting at George Washington University (1950).

Served 5 years in the U.S. Army Air Forces (1940-45).

Admitted to the bar of the State of Ohio, 1949.

Trial attorney and presiding officer, Department of Agriculture, 1949-1956, 1957.

Trial attorney, Federal Communications Commission, 1956.

Attorney Adviser, Office of Administrative Procedure, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, 1957-59.

Acting Director, Office of Administrative Procedure, 1959-60.

Staff, President's Committee on Ethics in Government, 1961.

Director, Office of Administrative Procedure, 1961-—.

Executive Secretary, Administrative Conference of the United States, 1961-62.

Mr. MAXSON. Some time ago a decision was made by the Attorney General to testify when this bill came on for hearing because he is very much interested in this Conference idea. I, as a lawyer whose particular field is administrative law, have been deeply gratified to observe this interest since the discussions of the Conference idea early in the Attorney General's tenure.

When it appeared that the Attorney General was going to be preoccupied at this time, Mr. Katzenbach decided to testify. He, too, is otherwise busy today, and so I am here to express their regrets and to testify on behalf of the Department.

The Department of Justice strongly supports the proposal under consideration by the subcommittee to create an Administrative Conference on the United States on a continuing basis.

According to information developed by the temporary Administrative Conference of 1961-62, there were pending before 32 Federal agencies during the past fiscal year a total of 93,473 formal administrative proceedings.

Senator LONG. Pardon me, Mr. Director. I hate to break in on you like this, but it is very important that I go for a few minutes into an executive committee meeting that is being held over in the old building. So I would like to recess for 15 or 20 minutes, and just as soon as I finish there, we will be back. Sorry to have to break in on you and the other witnesses.

The committee will be in recess.

(At this point a recess was taken.)

Senator LONG. The committee will be in order.

Mr. Maxson, I again apologize to you and the other witnesses for this delay. It was very important that I attend this executive session of this committee.