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SEC. 12. Membership in or service to the Conference by persons outside the Federal Government, whether compensated or not, shall not be considered as service or employment bringing such individuals within the provisions of sections 203, 205, 207, 208 or 209 of Chapter II of Title 18 of the United States Code.

SEC. 13. (a) All members of the Conference other than the Chairman shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection with the functions of the Conference;

(b) The Chairman may make such expenditures (including expenditures for rent and personal services, office employees, travel, law books, periodicals, books of reference, printing and binding, and studies or investigations) as may be necessary for the execution of his functions and the functions of the Council and the Conference, out of appropriations made from time to time by Congress. Expenditures of the Chairman, the Council, and the Conference shall be allowed and paid only on presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by the Chairman or such other person or persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Chairman with the approval of the Council;

(c) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Mr. FOSTER. Let me digress here to express our sincere appreciation to Judge Prettyman, the members of his Council, and the representatives of the Bureau of the Budget, all of whom graciously cooperated toward the common goal, the establishment of a permanent Administrative Conference of the United States.

In driving toward this common goal, there are many wide areas of agreement among those who have shared in efforts to establish an Administrative Conference on a permanent basis. Mr. Harold Russell has delineated those areas. He has also suggested that, in our opinion, S. 1664 should be amended in several particulars if it is effectively to reflect those wide areas of agreement. The purpose of S. 1664 has our staunch support.

With equal enthusiasm, the strength of the organized bar of the United States will be aligned in support of S. 1664, if it is so amended as to constitute it a proposal which is equivalent in purpose and effect to the May 1, 1963, American Bar Association draft to which I referred earlier.

Indeed, the simplest means to place the totality of our recommendations before you is to invite your consideration of our May 1, 1963, draft. I recognize that you will doubtless wish to focus attention upon those parts which deviate from the proposal now pending before you in S. 1664.

To aid in this purpose, I shall specify those aspects of S. 1664 which we believe would profit from amendment, and I shall attempt to explain why we invite your consideration of these suggestions.

Some of the matters on which we suggest changes are lesser in importance; indeed, some may relate to defects in the bill which crept in through inadvertence. Other suggestions, particularly those which I shall mention first, we view as well-nigh indispensable. While we cannot support S. 1664 as now written, we would urge its enactment with revisions in the following respects.

(1) In our view, the provision dealing with the scope of the functions of the Administrative Conference must be clarified and broadened. The definition of "administrative program" has been so narrowly defined as to lead to the possible exclusion of many matters which clearly should be within the cognizance of the Conference.