

THE COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1967

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

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10 a.m., in room 1202, New Senate Office Building, Hon. Herman E. Talmadge (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Senator Talmadge and Representative Bolling.

Also present: James W. Knowles, director of research, and George R. Iden, staff economist.

Chairman TALMADGE. This morning, the subcommittee continues its hearings on the coordination and integration of Government statistical programs by hearing users' views on ways to improve our statistical programs and ways to improve our statistical system. The participants are Mr. John Aiken, executive director of the Federal Statistics Users' Conference; and Mr. Frederick Stephan, professor of social statistics at Princeton University.

Gentleman, we appreciate your coming to discuss with us how the Government statistical programs can better serve the public needs.

Mr. Aiken, will you please proceed as you wish.

STATEMENT OF JOHN H. AIKEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL STATISTICS USERS' CONFERENCE; ACCOMPANIED BY DR. ROY E. MOOR, VICE PRESIDENT AND ECONOMIST, THE FIDELITY BANK; MARVIN FRIEDMAN, ECONOMIST, AFL-CIO; AND DR. JOSEPH E. MORTON, THE W. E. UPJOHN INSTITUTE FOR EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH

Mr. AIKEN. My name is John H. Aiken. I am executive director of the Federal Statistics Users' Conference. I am accompanied today by representatives of the three major groups which make up our membership. From the business group is Dr. Roy E. Moor, vice president and economist with the Fidelity Bank; from the labor group is Mr. Marvin Friedman, economist with the AFL-CIO; and from the non-profit research group is Dr. Joseph E. Morton with the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. They are here to participate in the discussion after my oral statement.