

THE COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

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

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:07 a.m., in room 1202, New Senate Office Building, Hon. Richard Bolling presiding in the absence of Chairman Talmadge.

Present: Representatives Bolling, Rumsfeld, and Curtis; and Senator Miller.

Also present: James W. Knowles, director of research; George R. Iden, staff economist; and Donald A. Webster, minority staff economist.

Representative BOLLING. The subcommittee will come to order.

This morning the Subcommittee on Economic Statistics of the Joint Economic Committee begins its third day of hearings on the subject of the coordination and integration of Government statistical programs. I wish to insert in the record as an appendix to these hearings the proceedings of the recent conference organized by the Washington chapters of the American Statistical Association, and the American Marketing Association, on purposes and uses of Federal statistics. At this conference the ranking minority member of this subcommittee, Representative Thomas B. Curtis, presented a very excellent paper entitled "Strengthening the Tools of Economic Policy."

This morning's witness, Mr. Raymond T. Bowman, Assistant Director of Statistical Standards, Bureau of the Budget, is no stranger to this subcommittee, since he has been very helpful to us for many years. Mr. Bowman, we appreciate your coming to discuss with us the goals, achievements, and outlook of the Federal statistical program. I would like to interject a thought that this seems like "old home week" to me, because years ago I was chairman of this subcommittee and Mr. Bowman and I were sort of coconspirators in an attempt to improve the funding by the Congress of the statistical programs of the executive.

Mr. Bowman, we are delighted to have you here. You may proceed as you wish.

**STATEMENT OF HON. RAYMOND T. BOWMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
FOR STATISTICAL STANDARDS, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET; ACCOMPANIED BY MILTON MOSS, MARGARET MARTIN, AND MRS. ROSE CASSEDY**

Mr. BOWMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a real opportunity for me to appear before this subcommittee again to discuss Federal statistical programs which you know are very close to my heart. I call