

Representative BOLLING. Prior to beginning the questioning, I would like to do a little housekeeping and without objection, have included in the record at the appropriate place extracts from the Federal Reports Act of 1942; from Public Law 784 of the 81st Congress, second session, Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950; from report of the then Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments of the 81st Congress, second session, an extract; and from the Federal Register of Wednesday, June 13, 1951, the President's Executive Order 10253; and also the article mentioned by Mr. Bowman in his testimony, "Recent Developments in U.S. Balance of Payments Statistics," which appeared in the May 1967 Statistical Reporter.

Without objection, those will be included.

(The articles referred to follow:)

COORDINATION OF FEDERAL REPORTING SERVICES

§ 139. Declaration of Congressional policy.

It is declared to be the policy of the Congress that information which may be needed by the various Federal agencies should be obtained with a minimum burden upon business enterprises (especially small business enterprises) and other persons required to furnish such information, and at a minimum cost to the Government, that all unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining such information through the use of reports, questionnaires, and other such methods should be eliminated as rapidly as practicable; and that information collected and tabulated by any Federal agency should insofar as is expedient be tabulated in a manner to maximize the usefulness of the information to other Federal agencies and the public. (Dec. 24, 1942, ch. 811, § 2, 56 Stat. 1078.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of act Dec. 24, 1942, provided that: "This Act [which enacted sections 139-139f of this title] may be cited as the 'Federal Reports Act of 1942'."

APPROPRIATIONS

Section 9 of act Dec. 24, 1942, provided: "There are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act (sections 139-139f of this title)."

§ 139a. Collection of information.

(a) Duties of Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

With a view to carrying out the policy of sections 139-139f of this title, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget (hereinafter referred to as the "Director") is directed from time to time (1) to investigate the needs of the various Federal agencies for information from business enterprises, from other persons, and from other Federal agencies; (2) to investigate the methods used by such agencies in obtaining such information; and (3) to coordinate as rapidly as possible the information-collecting services of all such agencies with a view to reducing the cost to the Government of obtaining such information and minimizing the burden upon business enterprises and other persons, and utilizing, as far as practicable, the continuing organization, files of information and existing facilities of the established Federal departments and independent agencies.

(b) Designation of central collection agency.

If, after any such investigation, the Director is of the opinion that the needs of two or more Federal agencies for information from business enterprises and other persons will be adequately served by a single collecting agency, he shall fix a time and place for a hearing at which the agencies concerned and any other interested persons shall have an opportunity to present their views. After such hearing, the Director may issue an order designating a collecting agency to obtain such information for any two or more of the agencies concerned, and prescribing (with reference to the collection of such information) the duties and functions of the collecting agency so designated and the Federal agencies for which it is to act as agent. Any such order may be modified from time to time by the Director as circumstances may require, but no such modification shall be made except after investigation and hearing as hereinbefore provided.