

POLICIES GOVERNING DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Joint Economic Committee provides economic facts and analyses to keep Congress abreast of developing trends and prospects. It advises Congress as to the appropriate mix of public and private policies most likely to achieve the Nation's economic objectives as set forth in the Employment Act of 1946. It does not consider, draft, or report actual legislation.

The committee makes its services available principally through publications including reports, hearings, and collections of professional materials. It also publishes each month up-to-date data in Economic Indicators, which is prepared for the committee by the Council of Economic Advisers.

These publications make available information about the performance of the economy and various viewpoints on major economic issues which go not only to Congress but also to the executive branch and the general public. In this way, the committee makes significant contributions to economic education.

Because fulfilling the purpose of the committee depends heavily on communicating the results of its work to the Congress, the executive branch, and the public, the committee over a period of years has developed publication policies which are laid down in the rules that follow below. The objectives of these policies are—

- (1) To provide Congress with the best and most accurate economic information possible;
- (2) To improve coordination of public and private economic policies so as to promote achievement of the objectives of the Employment Act of 1946;
- (3) To promote increased economic understanding throughout this country and abroad;
- (4) To insure availability of committee materials in published form at basic reference sources, such as libraries, for permanent research use; and
- (5) To accomplish these aims at the lowest possible overall cost to the taxpayers.

With these aims in view, the staff is directed to distribute committee publications henceforth according to the following rules:

Rule 1.—A mailing list shall be maintained, restricted to individuals and organizations with a continuing interest in public economic policies. This list shall be separated into priority classes as follows:

- A. First priority: Congressional offices, working press, senior Government officials, and former members and staff officials of the Joint Economic Committee.
- B. Second priority: Government agencies, nonprofit libraries, and research organizations.
- C. Third priority: University professors, teachers, and research workers.
- D. Fourth priority: Other individuals and organizations.