

STATUS OF PROJECTS AND SEC. 702 UNDER PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10:05 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, Hon. Ed Edmondson (subcommittee chairman) presiding.

Mr. EDMONDSON. The Subcommittee on Economic Development Programs will come to order.

Today we open the third public hearings of the Special Subcommittee on Economic Development Programs appointed last year to investigate and study the administration of the economic development programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Public Works.

Three days of hearings were held in August of 1966 when the subcommittee heard testimony on the status and progress of the administration of the Public Works and Economic Development Act and the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

Subsequently, the subcommittee issued its report on the first hearings in which certain questions were presented that had been suggested from the testimony. Our second meeting presented to the officials of the Economic Development Administration an opportunity to express their views and to reply to questions raised in the report.

Subsequent to this second set of hearings, the staff of the subcommittee was sent to Oakland, Calif., for about a week to make a preliminary review and inquiry concerning the projects and activities of the Economic Development Administration in that city.

I understand that Secretary Davis is going to be out there beginning tomorrow for a pretty thorough look at that situation himself.

Today we have invited officials of the Economic Development Administration to appear before us to inform the subcommittee about the overall picture of the status of the projects. We are interested in knowing how many have been approved, how many have been turned down, and how many have been placed in the reserve status. We also have asked EDA to advise the subcommittee on what it expects to do the balance of the year in regard to projects and funding available to them.

In addition, the Administration has been requested to give a detailed explanation of its interpretation and administration of section 702 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965,