

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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To the Members of the Joint Economic Committee:

Transmitted herewith for your consideration and use is a report by the Subcommittee on Economy in Government on the Planning-Programing-Budgeting System: Progress and Potentials.

The planning-programing-budgeting system is the latest in a historical series of programs designed to promote greater efficiency and economy in Government through developing more rational approaches to decisionmaking. Since PPBS has been in use in all Federal agencies for only a little more than 2 years, the subcommittee does not deem it appropriate or feasible to attempt a thorough assessment of PPBS in improving public programs. However, the subcommittee believes that valuable insights into the progress and potentials of PPBS were provided in its 4 days of public hearings. This interim report summarizes the subcommittee's tentative findings.

Although this study is the first the Joint Economic Committee has undertaken of the planning-programing-budgeting system as such, it should be emphasized that this investigation continues the committee's longstanding interest in improving the management of Government. Many of the integral components of PPBS have been reviewed in earlier committee studies, as the report points out.

Because of its obvious importance for economic management and policymaking, the subcommittee intends to follow closely the implementation of PPBS.

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