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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL STUDIES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:37 p.m., in room 2203, Rayburn Building, Hon. Benjamin S. Rosenthal, presiding.

Present: Messrs. Rosenthal and Myers.

Staff present: James A. Lanigan, general counsel full committee; Peter Barash, legal assistant; I. Warren Harrison, legal assistant; and William H. Copenhaver, minority counsel.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. The subcommittee will be in order.

This is a continuation of the hearings of the Special Inquiry on Consumer Representation in the Federal Government of the Special Studies Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations.

Our first witness this afternoon is Mr. M. W. Jensen, manager, Engineering Standards, National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Jensen, perhaps your colleagues would want to join you at the table, and you might for the record identify them by name and what position they hold.

STATEMENT OF M. W. JENSEN, MANAGER, ENGINEERING STANDARDS, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; ACCOMPANIED BY ALLEN J. FARRAR, BUREAU LEGAL ADVISER; AND C. N. COATES, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

Mr. JENSEN. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I am particularly grateful for your being willing to hear me this afternoon. Your hearings are being held right in the center of our National Conference on Weights and Measures.

My name is Malcolm W. Jensen, manager, Engineering Standards, National Bureau of Standards. I have with me the Bureau legal adviser, Allen Farrar, and Assistant to the Director, C. N. Coates.

Mr. Chairman, I think it is important at the outset to point out that the National Bureau of Standards, since its inception in 1901, has served primarily science, industry, and other Government agencies, including the States. We have very little contact—directly, that is—especially in the role we play in the national measurement system.

The four major programs of the Bureau are: Basic measurement standards, engineering measurement and standards, properties of mat-