

**REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 1 OF 1968
(DRUG ABUSE AND NARCOTICS)
AND HOUSE RESOLUTION 1101**

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
REORGANIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., in room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. John A. Blatnik (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives John A. Blatnik, Chet Holifield, Benjamin S. Rosenthal, John N. Erlenborn, and Jack Edwards.

Also present: Elmer W. Henderson, subcommittee counsel; James A. Lanigan, general counsel, Committee on Government Operations; and William H. Copenhaver, minority professional staff.

Chairman BLATNIK. The Executive and Legislative Reorganization Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations will please come to order.

We meet in public session today, the first of a series of hearings lasting perhaps 2, possibly 3 days, to consider President Johnson's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1968 and House Resolution 1101, a disapproval resolution introduced by our colleagues, Congressmen Edwards, Erlenborn, and Brown.

(Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1968 follows:)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TRANSMITTING REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 1 OF 1968—CREATING A NEW BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

To the Congress of the United States:

In my first Reorganization Plan of 1968, I call for the creation of a new and powerful Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

With this action, American will serve notice to the pusher and the peddler that their criminal acts must stop.

No matter how well organized they are, we will be better organized. No matter how well they have concealed their activities, we will root them out.

Today, Federal investigation and enforcement of our narcotics laws are fragmented. One major element—the Bureau of Narcotics—is in the Treasury Department and responsible for the control of marihuana and narcotics such as heroin. Another—the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control—is in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and is responsible for the control of dangerous drugs including depressants, stimulants, and hallucinogens such as LSD.

Neither is located in the agency which is primarily concerned with Federal law enforcement—the Department of Justice.

This separation of responsibilities—despite the relentless and dedicated efforts of the agents of each Bureau—has complicated and hindered our response to a national menace.