

control of dangerous drugs. Although the latter Commission recommended that the regulatory functions of the Bureau of Narcotics be transferred to HEW, the President, after careful consideration, has decided that the Bureau's functions should not be split.

In addition to transferring narcotics and dangerous drug functions, the reorganization plan contains provisions to assure strong organization and leadership within the Department of Justice. It would establish a Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, to be headed by a Director of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. The Director would be appointed by the Attorney General to a position in the competitive service, and would be compensated at level V of the executive schedule pay rates.

The plan also would establish two positions to be compensated at GS-18 of the general schedule and two positions at GS-16, all to be filled by appointment of the Attorney General in the competitive service. The existing Bureau of Narcotics and the Office of the Commissioner of Narcotics would be abolished.

The reorganization plan is an important part of the President's program to make our streets safe and to protect our society from the dangers of drug abuse. The Bureau of the Budget strongly recommends that Congress allow the plan to become effective.

As an addendum to my statement, Mr. Chairman, it might, in the light of our discussion the other day regarding the extension of the Reorganization Act, be advisable to make specific reference to the statutory purposes of the Reorganization Act as set forth in that act which would be accomplished by Reorganization Plan No. 1.

The reorganization obviously has several purposes as its objective.

I think the principal ones are, first of all, in the terms of that statute, to promote the better execution of the laws; second, to group, coordinate, and consolidate agencies and functions of the Government as nearly as may be according to major purposes; and third, to increase the efficiency of the operations of the Government.

Those are quotes, selected quotes from the act itself.

That concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Schnoor and I will be glad to respond to your questions as best we can.

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Hughes, it is obvious, as appears in practically the entire testimony, all the weight of your testimony is in behalf of strengthening and improving enforcement, which I agree is necessary.

At the same time there are those, such as the American Psychiatric Association, which have taken a position paper on the reorganization plan. We are also concerned with the medical aspects and there is a good deal of responsibility to this complicated problem with John Hatfield.

While there are some distinguishing problems of importation, regulation, control, trafficking in drugs, and other related matters such as enforcement, which properly fall within the province of law-enforcement agencies, they have no objection to this. They do object to transferring the functions of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

They say a good deal of this is also a medical problem, psychiatric problem, pharmacology, et cetera. You don't say much about the