

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 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, Henry S. Reuss, Benjamin S. Rosenthal, John N. Erlenborn, Clarence J. Brown, 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 Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization of the House Government Operations Committee will please come to order.

We continue the public hearings on Reorganization Plan No. 1 and our colleagues' House Resolution 1101.

We are honored this morning to have as our first witness the Honorable Ramsey Clark, the Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Attorney General, we welcome you and Mr. Finlator and Mr. Giordano who are with you and who will be heard later on this morning.

So, Mr. Attorney General, will you proceed at will? I notice you do have a prepared statement and it is not too long a one. You may read it or proceed at will in any way you wish. You may have permission to extend and revise your remarks in the record.

**STATEMENT OF HON. RAMSEY CLARK, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
THE UNITED STATES; ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN H. FINLATOR,
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION; AND HENRY L. GIORDANO, COMMISSIONER OF
NARCOTICS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

Mr. CLARK. Thank you very much, Chairman Blatnik, and members of the committee. I am honored to be before you today on this very important matter.