

the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency (D.C. Code, sec. 5-703) are hereby transferred to the Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

(b) Nothing in this reorganization plan shall be deemed to terminate the tenure of any member of the Board of Directors of the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency now in office.

*Section 2. Relationship of Board of Directors and Commissioner.*—(a) There are transferred from the Board of Directors of the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency to the Commissioner of the District of Columbia the functions of adopting, prescribing, amending and repealing bylaws, rules, and regulations for the exercise of the powers of the Board under D.C. Code, sections 5-701 to 5-719 or governing the manner in which its business may be conducted (D.C. Code, sec. 5-703(b)).

(b) Any part of the functions transferred by this section may be delegated by the Commissioner to the Board.

*Section 3. References to District of Columbia Code.*—References in this reorganization plan to any provision of the District of Columbia Code are references to the provisions of statutory law codified under that provision and include the said provision as amended, modified, or supplemented prior to the effective date of this reorganization plan.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Hughes, will you open this presentation on behalf of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1968 with your statement?

**STATEMENT OF HON. PHILLIP S. HUGHES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET**

Mr. HUGHES. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I am pleased to present the views of the Bureau of the Budget on Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1968, providing for certain reorganizations relating to the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency.

Both this reorganization plan and Plan No. 3 of 1968 relating to the Recreation Board derive from a recognized need to provide the District of Columbia Commissioner with the necessary authority to effectively manage District affairs.

As I stated in my testimony on Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1968, thorough reorganization of the very top structure of the District government was a necessary precondition to plans for bringing municipal functions such as recreation and urban renewal under closer control. Since that has been accomplished—under Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967—and a single executive has been substituted for the commission form of government, it has become possible, as President Johnson indicated, “to effect further improvements, both in the structure of the District government and in its relationship to other agencies serving the Nation’s Capital.”

Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1968 carries out the President’s intent with respect to the Redevelopment Land Agency which is the urban renewal agency for the District. The RLA is a corporation established by law in 1946. Its powers are vested in a five-member Board of Directors. Under present law, two members of the Board are appointed by the President and three are appointed by the Commissioner of the District of Columbia, all subject to Senate confirmation.

Under the reorganization plan, the Presidential function of appointing two members of the RLA Board would be transferred to the Commissioner, thus giving him responsibility for appointing all the members. Further, the Commissioner would be given an additional element of control with respect to RLA through the transfer to him of the