

hereof shall be subject to the provisions of section 305 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967 (32 F.R. 11671).

SEC. 4. *Incidental transfers.* (a) All personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds employed, held, used, available, or to be made available in connection with the functions of the Recreation Board or the Superintendent of Recreation are hereby transferred to the Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

(b) Such further measures and dispositions as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall deem to be necessary in order to effectuate the transfers provided in subsection (a) of this section shall be carried out in such manner as he may direct and by such agencies as he shall designate.

SEC. 5. *Abolition.* The Recreation Board, together with the position of Superintendent of Recreation, is hereby abolished. The Commissioner of the District of Columbia shall make such provisions as he may deem necessary with respect to winding up the outstanding affairs of the Recreation Board and the Superintendent of Recreation.

SEC. 6. *Effective date.* The provisions of this reorganization plan shall take effect at the close of June 30, 1968, or on the date determined under section 906(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, whichever is later.

Mr. BLATNIK. We may proceed with the witnesses. First, we have our good friend, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Hughes, would you please take the center seat, and we would like to have you joined by Mr. William Hammond Thomas, who is Chairman of the District of Columbia Recreation Board and Department; and Mr. Benjamin Segal, who is the chairman of the Citizens Task Force on Recreation in the District of Columbia.

Mayor, we had you on a radarscope. Come on down. We had it timed. We introduced three witnesses. First, you know Mr. Hughes of the Bureau of the Budget; Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Recreation Board and Department; and, of course, Mr. Benjamin Segal, chairman of the Citizens Task Force. Mayor, we certainly welcome an extremely busy man.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. Thank you, sir. I want to report a very happy incident. I was sort of delayed in getting through the Capitol. There were so many visitors over there, tourists, that I could not make my way through, and I just appreciate the scene.

Mr. BLATNIK. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. BLATNIK. At the outset, we will not go into too much detail; but the Mayor will recollect nearly 12 months ago, when we were discussing Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967, which permitted the administration to create the new restructured city government, little did we realize then how important it would be—not only the form of the government a year later, your municipal government, but the extraordinary job of leadership which the Mayor, who at that time was still unknown to us, performed. His civic duty and performance were far beyond the call of duty. He has won the admiration of certainly all the citizens of the entire District of Columbia, the entire metropolitan area and of the Nation itself. We commend you and welcome you this morning in your perseverance.

Mr. Hughes, you are an old hand at these hearings. How should we start? Should we start with your statement?

Mr. HUGHES. I would be glad to do that, Mr. Chairman. I have a very brief statement. I would be pleased to present that, if you wish, and then proceed in any way you would like.

Mr. BLATNIK. You open up the hearings with your statement, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. HUGHES. All right, sir.