

Mr. PAGLIN. Insofar as the legal-organizational setup of the Commission, I hesitate to say the direction in which we are proceeding in terms of changing these organizational lines. If I may make the observation, Mr. Chairman, as having been the former general counsel of the Commission, and in light of the legislative history to the amendment of our act, I would hesitate if someone would ask my legal opinion as to whether or not the Commission could do it without the consent of Congress, at least, and certainly, the consent of the Budget Bureau would be sought in changing the basic structural organization of the Commission that is contained in the act.

Mr. BROOKS. Conceding that that might be true, have you, as the executive director, considered making such a recommendation, which will be in conformance with your program budgeting system which is presented for request of money to the Bureau of Budget and through the Congressional Appropriations Committees?

Mr. PAGLIN. We have not as yet considered any such recommendations.

Mr. BROOKS. Does it sound like a wild idea to have your organization conform to the way you are getting the money or sort of a basic philosophy?

Mr. PAGLIN. It's not by any means a wild idea. I think we have not progressed as a small agency to that point.

Mr. BROOKS. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, how does that strike you? Have you given him any direction?

Mr. HYDE. We haven't given directions. We are not prepared at the moment to suggest what changes should be made in the organization. We are taking another look at our mission—or our activities in terms of our mission.

Mr. BROOKS. By "mission," do you mean your programs?

Mr. HYDE. Our overall program of the agency. And up to now it has seemed feasible to us to put the emphasis on executing the program of the agency without revolutionary changes in our organizational setup.

Mr. BROOKS. You made all these changes in your budget activities?

Mr. HYDE. That's right.

Mr. BROOKS. But would it be revolutionary if you make them in your—implement them in your budget figure?

Mr. HYDE. No.

Mr. BROOKS. I don't think that's revolutionary.

Mr. HYDE. We can put emphasis on Commission programs, we can talk in terms of alternative methods of resolving communications policy problems without having to reorganize—to change our organization. I will give you an example, Mr. Chairman, of what I am trying to explain. We have a group of hearing examiners, one unit, under the chief examiner. Now, there are men in that group whose backgrounds would recommend them for common carrier work. There are some that can handle hearing work from almost any—

Mr. BROOKS. This is the example you gave me a minute ago—hearing examiners. You just charge each of the bureaus that portion of the work that is performed for them. We have been through that.