

UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL LABORATORIES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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The subcommittee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a.m., in room 2325, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Edward J. Roush presiding.

Mr. ROUSH. This meeting will be in order.

Today we continue our hearings on the utilization of Government laboratories.

Mr. Daddario is out of town this morning, and he has asked me to convey to you his apologies that he is unable to be here.

Our first witness is Commissioner Gerald F. Tape, of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The Atomic Energy Commission has been a pioneer of research in the physical and life sciences, and in the management of large multidisciplinary laboratories such as Oak Ridge, Brookhaven, and Argonne. In its 1960 report, the Commission anticipated some of our interest in the use of Federal laboratories by saying:

... the Commission recognizes that the strong capabilities of the laboratories are not the exclusive resources of the atomic energy field; they are held in trust for the Nation as a whole. Urgent work for other Federal agencies on matters of national concern will be accommodated in the laboratories when their skills are needed. There is no intention of making the laboratories into "job shops", but the laboratories and the Commission will continue to recognize national needs that call for out-of-the-ordinary arrangements, effort and ability.

One such out-of-the-ordinary effort is illustrated by new authority given to the Commission last year in Public Law 90-190. In this law, Congress authorized the AEC to use its laboratories for health and safety matters not related to atomic energy, and it would appear that the policies and plans the AEC has prepared to carry out this new authority are directly pertinent to our interest in these hearings.

Our second witness today is Frank W. Lehan, Assistant Secretary for Research and Development, Department of Transportation. Earlier this year I had the opportunity to hear Mr. Lehan when he appeared before the Subcommittee on Advanced Research and Technology during the NASA authorization hearings, and we are pleased to have him back again.

Our final witness today is Dr. Thomas F. Rogers, Director of the Office of Urban Technology and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development. In his testimony yesterday, Dr. MacArthur, of the Department of Defense, complimented Dr. Rogers' work while with the Department and said that he has brought to his new position