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AUGUST 24, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

One of my First acts as President was to ask the Congress to reactivate a wage and price monitoring agency before its Labor Day recess. Today -- less than two weeks later -- I am gratified to sign the legislation authorizing me to create such a Council and I hereby announce its creation without further delay.

It is certainly encouraging to me, as it must be to all Americans, to know that the Government can act so swiftly on the inflation front. Prompt and aggressive action against inflation is precisely what America needs, and that is the kind of leadership that must be provided by the Federal Government.

This new Council on Wage and Price Stability will provide us with one means of identifying and exposing some of the causes of inflation. It will bring into sharper focus the critical developments of industrial performance, wage and productivity performance, and the effect on inflation of actions taken by the Federal Government.

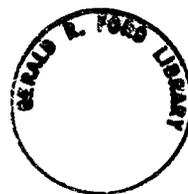
I must re-emphasize that the Council should not be a steppingstone back to mandatory wage and price controls. We have learned from experience that in today's economy, controls lead to disruptions and new troubles.

It would also be unrealistic to expect this Council to bring any immediate relief from inflation. Establishment of the Council is but one step along a difficult road that all of us must travel in the months ahead. We in the Federal Government must hold to a firm, responsible policy of fiscal and monetary restraint. Industry and labor will have their work cut out for them in exercising every responsible restraint in price and wage increases. We face an uphill road, and we will make it through only if we all pull together.

I will announce shortly the membership of the Council so that it can convene promptly and develop an agenda for action in the immediate future.

Once again, I commend the Members of Congress for their quick and responsible action in helping to establish this Council.

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OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON SIGNING COUNCIL ON WAGE AND
PRICE STABILITY ACT OF 1974

THE CABINET ROOM

11:07 A.M. EDT

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for coming, along with Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Arends and members of the White House staff and the Cabinet and others.

I appreciate your coming down here on a Saturday morning for this signing which I think probably best indicates the cooperation that exists before the Congress and the White House.

I was just noticing that less than two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, I asked for the help of the Congress in one important piece of legislation, namely, the one I am about to sign, and within that short span of time the House and Senate responded, **responded**, I think, in a very constructive way.

Not that this particular piece of legislation is going to be an instant answer or an immediate panacea, but it is important. It was so indicated by the Republican Administration and concurred in by the Democratic Leadership and the Democratic Congress. I think it is indicative of the recognition that we have to work together not only in this instance, but in others, in meeting the problem of inflation which plagues us, which is our public enemy number one.

Now we have some other things that have to be done. I have said very emphatically, and I think it has been generally agreed to, that this legislation is not the fore-runner of any wage and price controls. This is a monitoring piece of legislation to give guidance in very broad terms to management and labor so they don't take advantage of a free economy in this critical situation.

I am not going to ask for wage and price controls and we generally agreed last week that the Congress in 1974 would not respond to any wage and price control recommendation.

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We are going to do some other things, and I think all of this ought to be encouraging to the American people and to our friends around the world. We are going to hold the line on spending. The target, of course, is a figure in this fiscal year of under \$300 billion. We can do it. We are going to do it. And that ought to be reassuring, I think, to the American people.

There will be some other things that will undoubtedly come out of the economic summit which is being put together by cooperation with the Congress and with the White House.

This battle has to be won and it will be won and the cooperation I have gotten from not only the Congress but from some in industry, and I hope from those in labor, should absolutely reassure the American people that inflation can be licked here as well as abroad.

So with those remarks I would like to sign this bill which I appreciate, and I think the American people will be glad to have on the statute book.

Thank you very much. I appreciate everybody being here, and now we are going back to work without any further ado.

Thank you very much.

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(AT 11:14 A.M. EDT)



AUGUST 24, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

FACT SHEET
COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY ACT (S. 3919)

The President has today signed into law the Council on Wage and Price Stability Act, which provides a monitoring organization in the Executive Office of the President to review the various factors and conditions which relate to supply and demand, price and wage movements, and productivity in the economy with the view to countering inflationary pressures.

BACKGROUND

On August 12, 1974, the President asked the Congress to promptly enact legislation authorizing a Cost of Living Agency within the Executive Office of the President, to monitor wages and prices throughout the economy and recommend appropriate actions to counter inflation. S. 3919 provides this requested authority.

MAJOR PROVISIONS

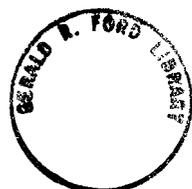
This legislation authorizes:

- the President to establish, within the Executive Office of the President, a Council on Wage and Price Stability consisting of eight members and four adviser-members appointed by the President. The President will designate one of the eight members to be the Chairman and one of the Council staff will be designated as Director.
- the Director of the Council to employ and compensate staff members and consultants as necessary to perform the duties of the Council;
- the Council to monitor the economy as a whole, work with labor and management to improve the structure of collective bargaining and encourage price restraint, focus attention on the need for increased productivity, conduct public hearings to help publicize inflationary problems, and review the Government's policies and programs to determine their effect upon inflation;
- the Council to utilize the services, personnel, and facilities of public agencies at all levels, and to obtain economic data or information from other Federal agencies (with subsequent disclosure of such information by the Council as limited by existing law); and
- appropriations not to exceed \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1975 to carry out the purposes of the Act.

The legislation additionally:

- does not authorize mandatory or standby controls over wages, salaries,

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prices, rents, and corporate dividends; and

-- requires the Council to report to the President and the Congress from time to time concerning its activities, findings, and recommendations.

EFFECTIVE DATES

The legislation becomes effective on this date and lapses on August 15, 1975.

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Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

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In 1971, he became a member of the Construction Industry Stabilization Committee of the Cost of Living Council. In 1973, he became the Chairman of the Tripartite Food Industry Wage and Salary Committee of the Cost of Living Council. From 1966 to 1972 he served on the Board of Directors of the Social Science Research Council.

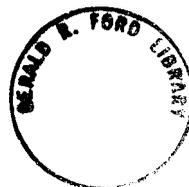
Dr. Rees was born on August 21, 1921, in New York City. He received his B.A. degree from Oberlin College in 1943. He was awarded his M.A. degree in 1947 and his Ph.D. in 1950 from the University of Chicago. In 1947 he was an Instructor at Roosevelt College. From 1948 to 1966 he was a member of the economic faculty at the University of Chicago. In 1954 to 1955 he was a staff member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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Muriel Hartley 363-4107

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Tell him Mr. McCabe
said there were three possibilities:

William Callahan (interviewed by M&M)
David Vaughn (interviewed by M&M)

Bachelor, Jr. (not interviewed;
resume very impressive)



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Mr. Seidman's office

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WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

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MESSAGE _____

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Norma Moskay will be calling you. Top girl in Dr Reese's office. He is bringing his own secretary.

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Wednesday 10/16/74

4:50 Jim Blum called.

456-2306

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Was asking about Dotty Fredley.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 28, 1974

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MEMORANDUM

Rees, Al

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Philip Buchen
FROM: Ted Beal *TB*
SUBJECT: Waiver of Full Field Investigation -
Al Rees

I understand that Ken Rush wants to announce Al Rees as the Director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability immediately. That position requires a full field investigation which will probably not be completed for two or three weeks. Although I have no reason to believe that Rees cannot pass this investigation, it would be embarrassing to have something turn up after the announcement. For this reason, I would simply like to check to see if the Personnel Office is correct in assuming that you and Ken Rush wish to waive the full field investigation on Rees in order to make an immediate announcement of his appointment.

If you wish such a waiver, would you please sign the approval on the enclosed copy of this memorandum?

*signed & returned
to Ted Beal
9/24/74*



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DECEMBER 12, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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The President today announced the appointment of four persons as Adviser-Members of the Council on Wage and Price Stability. They are:

William A. Morrill, an Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

Thomas E. Kauper, an Assistant Attorney General

Michael H. Moskow, an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

John W. Barnum, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

The Council was established by Public Law 93-387 of August 24, 1974, and consists of eight members and four adviser-members appointed by the President.

The eight members were appointed by President Ford on August 29, 1974, under the Chairmanship of then Counsellor to the President, Kenneth Rush. The new Chairman of the Council is William E. Simon.

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