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HEARINGS ON THE JUDGESHIP NEEDS OF THE COURTS OF APPEALS AND DISTRICT COURTS

Recently, the Judicial Conference of the United States completed its biennial survey of the judgeship needs of the Courts of Appeals and District Courts.

On March 5, 1981, it transmitted its recommendations for additional judgeships to the Senate. This proposed bill authorizes 43 additional judicial positions for the Courts of Appeals and District Courts of the United States.

It is the responsibility of the Subcommittee on Courts to evaluate the need for additional judgeships. At the direction of the Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration, the Subcommittee on Judicial Statistics conducted its survey of the judgeship needs of the District Courts and Courts of Appeals. The Subcommittee solicited, by questionnaire, the views of each Chief Judge of the Courts of Appeals and District Courts. After reviewing the recommendations of the individual courts and a six-year statistical profile supplied by the Administrative Office, the Subcommittee made preliminary recommendations on the judgeship needs for each court. These recommendations were forwarded to the Chief Judges to afford each Circuit Council an opportunity to comment on the Subcommittee's preliminary study.

The Committee on Court Administration reviewed the recommendations of the Subcommittee and then the recommendations were transmitted to the Judicial Conference. Therefore, this request for additional judgeships has been reviewed by the Circuit Council, the Subcommittee on Judicial Statistics, the Committee on Court Administration, and the Judicial Conference.

At this time we will include in the Record the Judicial Conference's recommendations for additional federal judges and the supporting documents.

Today the Subcommittee on Courts will receive testimony from representatives of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and from the Judicial Conference. We will also hear from the Chief Judges, or their delegates, of the various judicial circuits of the United States. They will explain the Judicial Conference's recommendations for additional judicial positions for the United States Courts of Appeals and District Courts.

Finally, Chief Judge Howard Markey, Chief Judge Daniel Friedman, and Mr. Julius Jancin will testify on consolidation of the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the United States Court of Claims.

Our first witnesses will be Judge John D. Butzner and Mr. David Cook. Judge Butzner is the past Chairman of the Committee on Court Administration's Subcommittee on Judicial Statistics of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Mr. Cook is the Deputy Division Chief, Statistical Analysis and Reports Division, Administrative Office of the United States Courts.