

APPENDIX B

BACKGROUND ON THE COMMISSION

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COMMISSION UPDATE

National Bankruptcy Review Commission

Web Site: www.nbrc.gov

OVERVIEW OF THE COMMISSION

October 20, 1995 -- October 20, 1997

Public Meetings Held	21
Date Final Report Filed	October 20, 1997
Total Appropriations Received	\$1,494,000
Number of Written Submissions and Materials Received	In excess of 2,300
Number of "Open Forum" Speakers	289 (See summary below)
Number of Meeting Participants	602 (See summary below)
Number of Meeting Attendees	2,600 (See summary below)
Meeting Venues Besides Washington, DC	Akron, OH; Chicago, IL; Detroit, MI; Des Moines, IA; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; Orange Beach, AL; San Antonio, TX; San Diego, CA; Santa Fe, NM; Seattle, WA;
Proposals Adopted	172

COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

- 10/22/94: President signs Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-394, which establishes the National Bankruptcy Review Commission.
- 7/27/95: Commission receives its initial funding in the amount of \$1 million.
- 10/20/95: Commission holds its first meeting in Washington, D.C.
- 11/1/95: Commission meets in conjunction with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.
- 5/16-17/96: Commission meets in conjunction with the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys.
- 6/96: Commission forms eight working groups to analyze issues.
- Summer '96: Commission works with the American Bankruptcy Institute on its Membership Survey.
- 7/1/96: Commission submits its first quarterly report to Congress.
- 9/12/96: Commission Chair testifies before House Committee on Banking and Finance.

- 9/17-18/96: Commission meets in conjunction with the States' Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys.
- 9/30/96: Commission receives \$494,000 in additional funding.
- 10/18-19/96: Commission meets in conjunction with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.
- 12/96: Commission submits its second quarterly report to Congress.
- 12/4/96: Commission conducts its first regional meeting at Akron, Ohio.
- 12/17-18/96: Commission holds its meeting at House Rayburn Office Building on Capitol Hill with extensive press and television coverage; hears from four consumer creditor panels.
- 1/97: Commission's web site is activated ("www.nbrc.gov").
- 2/97: A tax advisory committee is formed to assist the Commission in its review of tax issues.
- 3/3-4/97: Commission representatives participate at the Conference on Future Bankruptcy Data sponsored by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
- 4/1/97: Commission conducts a regional meeting at Des Moines, Iowa.

- 4/16/97: Commission Chair testifies before the House Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law.
- 4/17-18/97: Commission meets in conjunction with the Northwest Bankruptcy Institute in Seattle.
- 5/9/97: Commission conducts a regional meeting in New York City.
- 5/15-16/97: Commission meets in conjunction with the American Bankruptcy Institute.
- 6/6/97: Commission conducts a regional meeting at Orange Beach, Alabama.
- 7/17//97: Commission conducts a regional meeting at Chicago.
- 8/11-12/97: Commission has its last meeting at Washington, D.C.
- 10/20/97: Commission submits its final report to the Congress, the Chief Justice and the President of the United States. The entire report, totaling more than 1,300 pages, is posted on the Commission's web site: www.nbrc.gov.

**SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
ATTENDEES/PARTICIPANTS/OPEN FORUM SPEAKERS FOR EACH
PUBLIC MEETING**

	<u>ATTENDEES</u>	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>OPEN FORUM</u>
10/20/95	25	-	-
11/1/95	40	-	22
2/23-24/96	60	7	2
4/19/96	45	14	4
5/16-17/96	75	11	28
6/20-21/96	100	41	1
7/18-19/96	125	75	4
9/18-19/96	125	30	18
10/18-19/96	250	45	28
12/4/96 ¹	70	-	25
12/17-18/96	200	45	18
1/22-23/97	200	67	13
2/20-21/97	150	48	15
4/1/97 ²	100	13	24
4/17-18/97	350 ³	55	32
5/9/97 ⁴	60	23	14
5/14-16/97	125	55	8
6/6/97 ⁵	125	10	9
6/19-20/97	125	30	11
7/17/97 ⁶	50	22	2
8/11-12/97	200	11	11
TOTAL:	<u>2,600</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>289</u>

¹Regional meeting held in Akron, Ohio.

²Regional meeting held in Des Moines, Iowa.

³Includes attendees from the Northwest Bankruptcy Institute.

⁴Regional meeting held in New York, New York.

⁵Regional meeting held in Orange Beach, Alabama.

⁶Regional meeting held in Chicago, Illinois.