

This committee consisted of the Deputy Minister of Finance, the Commissioner of Income Tax, representatives of the Department of Labour and the Bureau of Statistics, the Deputy and Assistant Deputy Ministers of National Defence.

It is of interest to note that not one of these officials had been appointed by the present Government, and that the three senior members of the committee were appointees of the Bennett-Manion administration. It was provided that all contracts in which the Department found that competitive bids were not available should be referred to this Committee for advice upon profit limitation.

This Committee, in its first year, passed upon some \$10,000,000 worth of business and, in co-operation with the Department, instituted practices with respect to the letting of non-competitive contracts which gave to the Government the most rigid control over profits.

The members of this Committee, however, all have heavy responsibilities in their own departments and when, in 1939, it was found necessary to increase the Defence appropriations to more than \$80,000,000 the Minister of National Defence took a further step.

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