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AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CHIEF ACCOUNTANT AND OTHER ACCOUNTING OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Mr. WHEELER, from the Committee on Interstate Commerce,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1336]

The Committee on Interstate Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1336) to amend paragraph (f) of section 4 of the Communications Act of 1934, so as to authorize the employment of a chief accountant and not more than three assistants, together with such accountants as may be necessary to the exercise of its functions, having considered the same, report thereon and recommend that S. 1336 do pass.

The object of this bill is to authorize the employment by the Federal Communications Commission a chief accountant and not more than three assistants.

Paragraph (f) of the Communications Act, authorizes a chief engineer and not more than three assistants and a general counsel and not more than three assistants, but makes no provision for a chief accountant or three assistants.

Under the Radio Act of 1927 the matters of rate making or rate regulation were not involved. Hence the chief need was for legal and engineering departments. The Communications Act, having provided for rate regulation and utility investigations, has created a need for an accounting department. The Federal Communications Commission in its report to Congress recommended an early amendment to the law so as to provide for this necessary department.