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Report To The Chairman, Committee On House Administration House Of Representatives

OF THE UNITED STATES

Audit Of The House Of Representatives Beauty Shop For The Calendar Year 1980



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The Honorable Augustus F. Hawkins, Chairman Committee on House Administration House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As required by the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970 (83 Stat. 347), and in accordance with the November 21, 1980, request from the Honorable Ed Jones, Chairman, Subcommittee on Services, we audited the financial transactions of the House Beauty Shop for the calendar year 1980. Comparative House Beauty Shop financial statements for calendar 1980 and 1979 are presented as schedules 1 through 3. Our opinion on these statements appears on page 2.

The House Beauty Shop provides a convenient beauty facility for congresswomen, wives of congressmen, congressional employees, and the general public. During calendar 1980, approximately 25,420 customers had hairdressing, manicuring, or other beauty services performed at the shop.

Since January 3, 1978, employees of the House Beauty Shop have been on the House payroll and the shop has been under the jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration, with direct oversight by the Subcommittee on Services (H. Res. 315, 95th Cong.). During calendar 1980, 22 employees were on the House payroll. At December 31, 1980, five beauticians, two manicurists, one receptionist, one supervisor, and the manager were employed full time; eight beauticians, one manicurist, and two maids were employed part time. One electrolysist, one cosmetologist aide, and one maid were employed intermittently on a contract basis.

The House Beauty Shop realized net income of \$8,345 for 1980 compared with net income of \$9,204 for 1979. The Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970, requires that income, as established by our annual audit, after restoring any impairment of capital and providing for replacement of equipment, be transferred to the general fund of the U.S. Treasury. The amount to be transferred for calendar 1980 is \$14,609.97. See note 2 to the financial statements for additional explanations.

The financial statements do not include the costs of certain benefits and services—such as space, utilities, and ordinary building repairs and maintenance—which are paid from appropriated funds and not charged to the revolving fund.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

We have examined the balance sheet of the House Beauty Shop as of December 31, 1980 and 1979, and the related statements of operations and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the House Beauty Shop as of December 31, 1980 and 1979, and the results of its operations and changes in financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with the financial accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

As required by the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1970, we are sending copies of this report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Comptroller General of the United States

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SCHEDULE 1 SCHEDULE 1

HOUSE BEAUTY SHOP

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1980 AND 1979

ASSETS	1980	1979
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash in U.S. Treasury Deposits in transit Petty cash and change funds Accounts receivable Inventory of merchandise and supplies (note 1)	\$47,712 - 700 1,376	\$44,936 1,581 700 411 18,821
Total current assets	68,099	66,449
FIXED ASSETS: Equipment (note 1) Less: Accumulated depreciation Total fixed assets TOTAL ASSETS	17,931 10,976 6,955 \$75,054	18,480 17,241 1,239 \$67,688
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Salaries, commissions, and benefits payable Employees' accrued leave	\$ 1,217 12,375 8,876	\$ 2,786 10,892 5,562
Total current liabilities	22,468	19,240
EQUITY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Balance at beginning of year Less: Amount transferred to U.S. Treasury	48,448	39,244
Balance	44,241	39,244
Add: Net income for the year	8,345	9,204
Balance at end of year (note 2)	52,586	48,448
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	. \$ <u>75,054</u>	\$67,688

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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SCHEDULE 2 SCHEDULE 2

HOUSE BEAUTY SHOP

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1980 AND 1979

	1	980	1979	
INCOME:				
Beauty services		\$291,518		\$296,977
Retail sales	\$47,078	•	\$47,011	•
Less: Cost of retail	•		•	
sales	31,627	15,451	28,409	18,602
Miscellaneous income		612		299
Total operating income		307,581		315,878
OPERATING EXPENSES: (note 1)				
Salaries:				
Manager		22,017		25,568
Asst. Manager				4,706
Beauticians		116,330		118,159
Manicurists		21,940		22,030
Supervisor/receptionist		12,271		10,796
Maids		13,974		13,484
Electrolysist		786		1,627
Cosmetologist		62 9		-
Receptionist		4,585		
Total salaries		192,532		196,370
Commissions (beauticians and				
retail sales)		56 , 895		59,811
Employees' benefitsGovernment				
contributions		26,124		24,281
Supplies		22,449		21,380
Office		1,152		2,252
Laundry		366		777
Depreciation		696		579
Bad debts				284
Repairs		149		119
Telephone		136		190
Training		55		608
Miscellaneous		17		23
Total operating expenses	5	300,571		306,674
NET OPERATING INCOME		7,010		9,204
GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT (note	3)	1,335		_
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		\$ 8,345		\$ 9,204

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SCHEDULE 3 SCHEDULE 3

HOUSE BEAUTY SHOP

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CHANGES

IN FINANCIAL POSITION

CALENDAR YEARS 1980 AND 1979

	1980	1979
FUNDS PROVIDED:		
Sales	\$338,596	\$343,988
Miscellaneous income	612	299
Decrease in working capital	1,578	
Total funds provided	\$340,786	\$344,287
FUNDS APPLIED:		
Operating expenses (excluding depreciation		
and other items not requiring an outlay		
of funds)	300 , 542	306,095
Cost of retail sales	30 , 960	28,409
Amount transferred to U.S. Treasury	4,207	-
Increase in working capital		9,783
Purchase of equipment	<u>5,077</u>	•••
Total funds applied	\$340,786	\$344,287

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL

	Increase or (decrease)		
	1980	1979	
WORKING CAPITAL CHANGES:			
Cash and deposits in transit	\$ 1,195	\$ 2,095	
Accounts receivable	965	(1,280)	
Inventories	(510)	7,525	
Salaries, commissions, and benefits payable	(1,483)	1,920	
Accounts payable	1,569	1,946	
Employees' accrued leave	(3,314)	(2,423)	
NET CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL	\$(<u>1,578</u>)	\$ 9,783	

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HOUSE BEAUTY SHOP

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CALENDAR YEAR 1980

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Inventories are stated at cost, using the first-in, first-out method of valuation.

Equipment is depreciated over a 10-year life using the straight-line method.

Operating expenses do not include the costs of certain benefits and services—such as space, utilities, and ordinary building repairs and maintenance—that are furnished to the House Beauty Shop without charge.

2. As explained on page 1 of the letter, \$14,609.97 is to be transferred to the U.S. Treasury as shown below:

Equity of the House of Representatives as of December 31, 1980

\$52,585.83

Capital authorized pursuant to

H. Res. 1000, 90th Congress \$15,000.00

Provision for replacement of

equipment:

Accumulated depreciation 10,975.86

Restricted equity

12,000.00

37,975.86

Net income to be transferred

\$<u>14,609.97</u>

The amount transferred for 1979 was \$2,624.64. Prior years' net income transferred to the U.S. Treasury from the House Beauty Shop Revolving Fund has totaled \$50,716.

3. During 1980 the Beauty Shop purchased \$6,559.90 of new equipment consisting of 18 standard hair dryers, 4 hydraulic chairs, 2 hot stoves, and 1 clothes dryer. At the same time, the shop disposed of used equipment which had a net book value of \$148 (cost \$7,109 less accumulated depreciation of \$6,961). The shop received a trade-in allowance of \$1,483 on this equipment, resulting in a net gain of \$1,335.

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