

The Honorable Clarence J. “Bud” Brown Jr. U.S. Representative of Ohio (1965–1983)

The Hoover Commission: Part Two

Representative Brown details the beginning stages of the Hoover Commission in 1947.

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I don't think he ever tried to, tried to say that he was the originator of it. But I know he was because he'd discussed that with, with his family before he ever introduced it and before he got the guy from Massachusetts to share its introduction in the Senate. But it was Dad's idea, and the commission literally had meetings. And he, he went, he took the early members of the commission down to meet with Harry Truman. And by that time, he had talked to President Truman before about naming it the Hoover Commission because Hoover was on it as one of the members of the commission. And Hoover, Dad suggested Hoover could be the chairman as a matter of rehabilitation for him because in those days Hoover was not well thought of. And Truman was also not terribly well thought of, having followed Roosevelt as the President. And Truman went for it immediately. He said, "By all means, let's help rehabilitate Herbert Hoover."