

# Rep. Lundine Is Pleased By Strauss Appointment

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Robert S. Strauss, new chief of President Carter's anti-inflation drive, recently met with Rep. Stanley N. Lundine's economic policy group to discuss the administration's plans to combat inflation.

The group, which includes members of

Congress with special expertise or responsibility for economic policy, was convened by Lundine last year. The meeting with Strauss was the latest in a series of discussions focusing on inflation.

Lundine said Strauss's appointment as chief of the anti-inflation drive demonstrates the commitment of the administration to do something about the present rate of inflation.

"I was particularly pleased," Lundine said, "with Strauss's comments that he does not intend to create a whole new bureaucracy as a result of his new responsibility."

Lundine said he discussed with Strauss the value of programs that offer incentives to business and labor for restraining inflation. One such program cited by Lundine is labor-management cooperation, which he said provides economic expansion without inflation by improving productivity.

Strauss told Lundine's group that he has not set forth numerical goals to slow inflation, but he is committed to lower the rate of increase during this year.

Lundine called the meeting with Strauss "extremely useful." While Lundine said there aren't any quick or easy answers to this problem, he added, "I have been concerned for some time that inflation was the critical economic problem not being seriously addressed in Washington."