

Secretary WIRTZ. I should be glad to give you a statement, and I can either give it to you now or supply it later, in which we have taken those cases which on a qualitative basis are important cases.

That, you are right, is a much fairer basis. A good percentage of those are railroad and airline cases.

Well, I can give it to you in general terms. I think the fairest estimate, the fairest qualitative statement of that, Mr. Moss, is this: There are what the National Mediation Board Chairman Mr. O'Neill and I would consider probably 100 to 500 important cases a year, bellwether cases, which includes at least the possibility of broadspread, crisis conditions of one kind or another.

So a 100 to 500 figure would be a fairer figure than the one to which you referred.

Mr. Moss. Then we want to narrow it down to a better definition. How many of them have in the background a precedent of congressionally mandated settlements?

Secretary WIRTZ. That background, if I understand your question, is limited almost completely in the last 20 years to transportation cases and specifically to the railroad and the airline cases. Those are the only two.

(The following information was subsequently submitted:)

Department of Labor Statistics on disposition of railroad and airline cases, fiscal years 1963-67

Fiscal year	Railroad	Airlines
Mediation:		
1963.....	183	66
1964.....	198	54
1965.....	188	48
1966.....	200	36
1967 through April.....	1 207	
Subtotal.....	926	204
Total cases.....	1,180	
Representation:		
1963.....	42	26
1964.....	27	27
1965.....	43	23
1966.....	68	42
1967 through April.....	1 74	
Subtotal.....	254	118
Total cases.....	372	
Total mediation and representation cases.....	1,502	

¹ Includes airlines.

Source: National Mediation Board.

Mr. Moss. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Nelsen.

Mr. NELSEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, with the Congress intervening in the airline strike and the rail strike, do you feel there has been a bit of a disposition to refrain from a settlement, depending on the fact that the Congress will finally step in and do something so the cat is off the back of both parties involved?