

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes. There have been some signs along that line.

Mr. NELSEN. I have a further question. The President is to appoint a five-man special board. Are there any criteria upon which the selection of the five men will be made, or is that left entirely to the judgment of the President?

Secretary WIRTZ. There is no identification in the bill except that they are referred to as five members to be named by the President. In his accompanying statement he has indicated that he would expect to make three of these members—well, first he has said that they will all be public members. That is a significant point. It is a mark of the maturity of this relationship, that the lines between the sides are getting finer.

Where we talked in the War Labor Board about the public, labor, and industry members, these would all be public members. But he has gone on to say that one would be selected because of his particular identification with labor, and another because of his particular identification with management.

Mr. NELSEN. That 2-year period would begin on January 1, 1967; is that correct?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes.

Mr. NELSEN. Thank you.

I have no more questions, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Dingell.

Mr. DINGELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, you made a very fine statement this morning to the committee, but I think that, before we can enact such sweeping legislation as we have before us, we must consider a great deal that is presently lacking in the record before the committee.

I would point out that your statement is entirely deficient of any economic data upon which this committee can make a finding.

It is also very deficient, Mr. Secretary, with regard to the effect of a nationwide railroad strike upon the economy of this country.

I believe you will agree that a wise Congress, legislating in an area as important as this, would insist upon having a record on both points, neither of which happens to be before us today.

Would you submit to this committee the appropriate economic data as to the effect of a nationwide railroad strike upon the country and also, if you please, information as to the economic issues in question of the matter before us?

I would like to have a statement; I am not asking you to give it to us at this particular moment, but I think it would be more appropriate to submit it.

Secretary WIRTZ. It is right here.

Mr. DINGELL. I would also like to have information from you, if you please, Mr. Secretary, as to wage scales in this industry, the rail-