

I. HISTORY OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD

Emergency Board No. 169 was created by Executive Order 11324, issued January 28, 1967, pursuant to Section 10 of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, to investigate and report its findings of unadjusted disputes between the railroad carriers represented by the National Railway Labor Conference (comprised of the Eastern, Western, and Southeastern Carriers' Conference Committees), and certain of their employees represented by six shopcraft unions operating through the Railway Employees' Department, AFL-CIO.¹

The President appointed the following as members of the Board: David Ginsburg, an attorney from Washington, D.C., Chairman; Frank J. Dugan, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Member; John W. McConnell, President of the University of New Hampshire, Member.

The Board convened in Washington, D.C., on February 1, 1967, to hear the opening statements of the parties and to discuss procedures. Public hearings were held for seven days between February 1 and February 9 at Washington, D.C. During the hearings the parties were given full and adequate opportunity to present evidence and argument before the Board. To assist the Board in identifying and clarifying issues, the parties willingly made themselves available to the Board for numerous informal discussions.

The record of the proceedings consists of 1,073 pages of testimony and 36 numbered exhibits. The Board has made clear that its report to the President would be based upon that record.

Subsequent to the creation of the Board, the parties by stipulation, approved by the President, agreed to extend the time within which the Board must report its findings to the President until March 13, 1967, and to extend the period of statutory restraint until April 12, 1967.

¹ The text of the Executive Order is contained in Appendix A. The six labor organizations are the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers; Sheet Metal Workers' International Association; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America; and International Brotherhood of Firemen, Oilers, Helpers, Round House and Railway Shop Laborers.