

happy and satisfied, apparently, with the agreement that has been reached.

Mr. PICKLE. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. KORNEGAY. If you will yield back to me.

Mr. MACDONALD. You don't have very much time to yield.

Mr. KORNEGAY. How much time have I left?

Mr. MACDONALD. Not very much.

Mr. PICKLE. I will withdraw my request.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I have another question.

The question has been brought up, of course, about priorities in the event of a strike, and it would be very difficult, I am sure, to determine all of the raw materials and medicines and things of that sort. Who would determine, if you know, what is necessary under the wording of the telegram referred to by Mr. Macdonald?

Secretary BOYD. I don't have any knowledge. I don't believe that was covered in the telegram. I cannot imply any answer.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Have we had any prior experience with this type of limited offer?

Secretary BOYD. My understanding is that there was a similar offer at the time of the firemen's strike in 1966, and that the Department of Defense, which felt that its requirements were essential for Vietnam indicated that it would not work as a practical matter, that they had chaos.

Mr. KORNEGAY. One final question: Mr. Secretary, insofar as you know, do the parties to this dispute know, and have they known for some time, of the impact of a strike, of the facts that you brought out today regarding the seriousness of it?

Secretary BOYD. I do not know. I cannot give you a factual answer.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Thank you very much.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Harvey?

Mr. HARVEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, I would like you to refer to page 8 of your statement, the last sentence thereon. You say,

During a Presidentially-declared emergency, the Department of Transportation could, by executive order, be charged with coordinating the movement of essential commodities in a manner which would permit priority utilization of available capacity of other modes.

My questions are: When you speak of priority utilization of available capacity of other modes, are you talking about truck lines, the airlines, or what have you in mind?

Secretary BOYD. Under various statutes, as I understand it, the President of the United States is empowered to declare a national emergency, and with such declaration he is empowered to designate what personnel and commodities may be moved. That could be delegated to the department.

Mr. HARVEY. Is this a situation short of war that you are talking about?

Secretary BOYD. No, it is not. As I understand the present laws, they refer to a war or something similar to a war.

Mr. HARVEY. But this is authority on the books today for the President to seize? I wonder if we could have that citation.

Secretary BOYD. I do not understand that what we are talking about is seizure, Mr. Harvey.