

Mr. DINGELL. Would it also be fair to say that it is rather below the manufacturing industries?

Secretary WIRTZ. I would have to check the record on the degree of that comparison. There is a comparison available. I think it was made at Mr. Moss' request, a matter of record, in an earlier stage of these proceedings.

Mr. DINGELL. I requested similar information.

Mr. Moss. Mr. Secretary, the material I placed in the Congressional Record was developed by my personal staff, making extensive use of the long-distance telephone because I was not able to receive it here in Washington from any agency of the Government, the definitive material I wanted.

Mr. DINGELL. As you recall, Mr. Secretary, I have requested such information from you for the record. I am trying now in the absence of that to develop other matters that I think important to this committee in its considerations.

Secretary WIRTZ. I will accept Mr. Moss' statement that it is not in the record at any point.

Mr. DINGELL. I do not know whether it is or not. I have not seen it.

Secretary WIRTZ. I think it should be, and it will be.

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Mr. DINGELL. At the time the Fahy Panel recommendations are implemented, would it be fair to say that the wages which will be payable among the several crafts in the railroad industry will still be below those of other industries in the area of transportation?

Secretary WIRTZ. It would be a mistake for me to go too far in the detail of that, and I would rather rest on the information which it has been asked to be added to the record. My impression is that there would still be a differential between those rates and other rates which are comparable. I don't know how complete it is, Mr. Dingell.

Mr. DINGELL. Could you, in a fashion you regard as appropriate, in the information you are going to submit to us, give us some understanding of these points?

Secretary WIRTZ. I should amplify the answer just to this extent: One of the questions in issue is whether the whole group should be treated together; the skilled journeymen and the mechanics. My answer should not compromise that point.

I think you will find the differential is larger between the skilled journeymen and those outside than it is between some of the mechanics and those outside.

Mr. DINGELL. Coming around now to this legislation which is before us in the light of those matters, isn't it fair to say that we are going to then, by the action of this committee, legislate into being a set of recommendations which are going to leave this industry for a period of at least 2 years in a noncompetitive position insofar as wage scales are concerned?

Secretary WIRTZ. Unless we are prepared to go into the discussion of the merits, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Dingell, I think it almost compromises my position as a mediator to speak to that question.

Mr. DINGELL. You have to remember, Mr. Secretary, that we find ourselves in the very ugly position of also being mediators and also having to determine the matter of this legislation.