

town University, and Mr. McConnell, president of the University of New Hampshire.

I will also refer, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, to the record before that Board and the report and recommendations of the Board.

I shall also discuss what transpired in connection with the Special Mediation Panel composed of Judge Fahy, Dr. John Dunlop, and Dr. George Taylor, which I believe will be of interest to this committee.

Mr. Moss. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask why we have no prepared statement on a matter of this significance when the rules of the committee require that witnesses appearing present a prepared statement in order that the members of the committee have an opportunity to follow it and to be better prepared for appropriate examination of the witnesses?

The CHAIRMAN. I might ask the clerk if he so notified the witnesses who were to appear, if they were to have a statement in writing.

Mr. Moss. Mr. Chairman, I would strongly urge that all witnesses be so instructed in the future of the rule of the committees of the House, on the matter of preparing their statements for the benefit of the members.

The CHAIRMAN. According to the precedents of the committee, we have always asked that where possible we do have a prepared statement. In this case, as I understand, the different witnesses were notified by telephone, not by letter. It is customary for the committee to have prepared statements of the witnesses. However, the gentleman will proceed in this fashion.

Mr. WOLFE. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

By way of explanation, and perhaps apology, I did testify before the Senate committee in the same manner that I intended to testify before this committee. I did not know that I was supposed to submit a written statement. Had I that knowledge, I can assure you that it would have been available this morning. I am sorry if there has been a misunderstanding.

The CHAIRMAN. I think you have appeared many times before this committee, Mr. Wolfe. It has been the precedent that we require all statements in 5 days ahead of time, before testifying before the committee.

Mr. Moss. If the chairman will yield, that precedent is in the rules of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Chairman, may I say in deference to Mr. Wolfe that the greatest witness before this committee that I ever saw was Bobby Kennedy on the satellite corporation. He took 14 minutes and he did not have a single note for a single statement, so I don't think the quality of the testimony is determined by whether or not you have a written statement.

On the other hand, if that is the rule of the committee, of course, that is the rule. But I do give that as a background; that a statement does not necessarily determine whether or not you cover all the issues.

Mr. WOLFE. I shall do that to the very best of my ability.

This dispute arose on May 17, 1966, by the serving of notices by the unions upon the individual railroads as required by the Railway Labor Act, as amended in 1934. The law requires that the carrier receiving such a notice acknowledge receipt thereof within 10 days and set a