

well prepared. It was given a great deal of consideration by Congressman Pickle. Certainly, it is a step in the right direction. It may solve all the problem.

Mr. DEVINE. That, of course, is not pending before this committee today.

Finally, in your statement you suggested that the junior Senator from New York asked the question in the Senate committee of you, "Why won't you accept the Fahy recommendations?" and that question was asked both of the labor interests and the management interests.

I don't believe you gave us the answer other than you said that the labor people said, "No, definitely no." But they didn't say why? Did you say why?

Mr. WOLFE. No, they didn't tell us why, except that it wasn't enough money. That was obvious.

Mr. SPRINGER. Would the gentleman yield for one question?

Mr. DEVINE. Yes.

Mr. SPRINGER. I want to get this straight. This is offered in good faith. Down at the White House the Secretary did say that he thought the difference between the two parties was about 3 cents, the difference between 18 months and 2 years. I asked him this again on the stand the other day and he said he thought he was right. I think he believes this. I am sure he is intellectually honest and wouldn't intend anything else.

Do you understand that?

Mr. WOLFE. No, I think the Secretary made a mistake in that.

Mr. SPRINGER. From your testimony, as I see it, the difference is 6 percent for 1 year or 6 percent for 18 months, plus the job evaluation and escrow, and the difference between 6½ percent, 12½ cents, 5 percent and 12½ cents on top of that. That is a big difference, as I understand it.

Mr. WOLFE. That is correct.

Mr. SPRINGER. You aren't even close at all; is that correct?

Mr. WOLFE. That is correct.

Mr. SPRINGER. Some on this committee are under the understanding that it was only about 3 cents. I think this ought to be cleared up.

Mr. DEVINE. I have nothing further, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Van Deerlin?

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Wolfe, you said that the last bargaining session involving both sides was on April 2, 3 weeks ago today. What efforts have been made through representations to one side or the other by mediators, the Labor Department or anyone else, since April 25?

Mr. WOLFE. There have not been any to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Are you unaware of representations to either side since the 25th, then?

Mr. WOLFE. I am not aware of anything since April 25 other than our frequent appearances before Congress, and things of that nature.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. You are unaware that on April 29 representations purportedly were made to the brotherhoods in regard to an acceptance of a modified version of the Fahy recommendations?

Mr. WOLFE. I heard rumors that there had been some discussion, not with the people with whom we deal, but with someone in higher authority. But there was no formal discussion with us at all.