

You mentioned in your testimony that you will not oppose the proposal of the President in this case, but you have indicated that you feel that more permanent legislation is needed.

Are you in a position to advise the committee on your thinking on what permanent legislation should be?

Mr. WOLFE. Yes, Congressman Jarman.

Mr. JARMAN. Let me also add that I am aware that in your testimony you indicated support of the Herlong bill. Is that correct?

Mr. WOLFE. Yes; I did.

I believe that the Herlong bill is workable. I believe that it will inspire more sincere collective bargaining rather than defeat the purposes of collective bargaining.

It has been my experience that where there is a terminal end and where the negotiators know that if they do not negotiate, do not make agreements, that someone is going to look at the record and make agreements for them, that they will negotiate sincerely and they will make agreements where now they pass the buck to someone else.

I have studied the bill that was introduced by Congressman Pickle. I commented on that very briefly yesterday.

Mr. JARMAN. And you indicated support for the Pickle bill with certain amendments.

Mr. WOLFE. Yes. I believe after very careful study of that bill that it is one of the best prepared bills I have ever had the pleasure of reading. There is no question but what most profound thought was given to the bill during the preparation. There is no question in my mind but what it protects the equities of the parties, and that if tried it will prove my assertion regarding the protection of the continuance of true, sincere, good-faith collective bargaining.

It will certainly be greatly improved if Congress should decide to give favorable consideration to that bill.

Mr. JARMAN. Are you in a position to submit to the committee your recommendation of amendments that you feel should be made to the Pickle bill to make it an acceptable solution?

Mr. WOLFE. Yes; I think we would be.

There are certain things in the bill that we believe would be objectionable to the unions. There is one thing that I think might provoke opposition from other sources, and that is the Pickle bill—and I say that with the greatest respect for Congressman Pickle—gives the President great discretion in selecting the weapon from the so-called arsenal of weapons which he would elect to use.

A discretion carries with it great responsibility. We think that the selection of the weapon to be used would be better if it were put in the hands of a standing committee such as the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Transportation—I hope it is all right to mention the Secretary of Transportation at this time—the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and perhaps the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

That would remove it from the political arena. It would divide the responsibilities. I think to a great extent it would relieve the situation of political pressures that might be present. I wish to say now that I hope, I sincerely hope, that you do not think I am presumptuous by trying to answer you to the very best of my ability.