

Mr. WOLFE. All I can do is repeat what I said. The record, in my opinion, is absolutely clear, that the railroads accepted the mediation proposal, accepted the Emergency Board report. There is no reason for anyone to believe, whether you like us or dislike us, that we are not going to accept what this Panel proposes.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. KORNEGAY. I will yield if I have any time left.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Didn't you say yesterday that you turned down the last report?

Mr. WOLFE. No; I said that we accepted the 6 percent—

Mr. FRIEDEL. In part. But you turned down, both sides turned down, the last report.

Mr. WOLFE. The unions turned down the whole report.

Mr. FRIEDEL. And you said yesterday both sides have turned down the last report.

Mr. WOLFE. No. Let me repeat it just so there will be no misunderstanding. We reluctantly accepted the 6 percent for the 18-month period across the board. We rejected the 5, 5 and 5.

The unions rejected the thing in its entirety.

In my response, I did not say we accepted the Fahy recommendation. I said we accepted the Mediation Board-proposed settlement. We accepted the Emergency Board's proposed settlement.

Mr. FRIEDEL. But the last one you did not.

Mr. WOLFE. I think, Congressman Friedel, you can go on and on and on, and each time we get a recommendation based on the record where the parties had all the advantages of due process, one side rejects and the other accepts, somewhere along the line you reach the point where you just feel you can't be pyramiding and pyramiding.

Mr. FRIEDEL. I just want to get the record clear. I am not saying you are right or wrong, but I want to get it clear, that both sides rejected the last one.

The CHAIRMAN. Dr. Carter?

Mr. CARTER. No questions.

Mr. MACDONALD. Would the gentleman yield to me to clear the record?

Mr. CARTER. Yes.

Mr. MACDONALD. When we were talking about your not being invited to attend, it was my understanding that you also said Mr. Leighty, one of the chief negotiators for the railroad, did not attend. Is that what you said?

Mr. WOLFE. No. I said Mr. Leighty, who is president of the Railway Labor Executives Association was present, but he is in no way involved in this dispute. He does not represent the shopcraft unions. We have made a settlement with Mr. Leighty and his union.

Mr. MACDONALD. Was there nobody there from the shopcraft unions?

Mr. WOLFE. According to this report, Mr. Michael Fox was there.

Mr. MACDONALD. Wouldn't it have been helpful for you to try to get together with Mr. Fox at that time? Mr. Leighty is reported as saying, and I have every reason to believe the report, that the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Vance, indicated early in the Pentagon meeting that the administration had already decided against the proposal.