

You can twist it any way you want to, I say to the gentleman of California, but it is still a fact.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. PICKLE. Does the gentleman have another point of order?

Mr. MOSS. The gentleman referred to twisting. I point out the Constitution states the obligations of a Representative. It is not a matter of twisting.

Mr. PICKLE. I would be willing to accept another word, if you would submit it.

Mr. Chairman, I don't want to get into this line of discussion. I simply want to make my point that I think the questioning has been highly opinionated. That is part of the system, but I want to express my own opinion.

Let me say to the witness I appreciate the statements you have made with respect to the measure I have introduced. When you made that statement yesterday I received it with some mixed emotion. I didn't know whether it would hurt or help my bill. But I do thank you and I appreciate your description of it.

I have listened with a great deal of interest to the point you made how we might improve it if we don't give the President as much discretion, but let it be shared by some board or committee. I want to look into that.

I have a couple of questions that I want to ask further on that bill, as I have time, or if somebody will yield to me, or if I have the chance to make the statements.

Do you think that we can mediate this opinion before this committee, this dispute before this Commerce Committee?

Mr. WOLFE. No, sir; I do not think it can be mediated here.

Mr. PICKLE. I share that opinion. I don't think anybody on the committee wanted this political football tossed to us. I am sure all of us would rather not be involved. But we have no alternative, since this particular resolution was introduced, but to consider it.

It seems to me like we are subject to the most intensive opinions and backgrounds. I don't think we will ever be able to actually mediate a dispute of this kind before the committee. However, I was particularly impressed with the line of questioning of the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Springer, because I think it helped establish the facts.

But we are not going to mediate this thing. We have spent 2 weeks and we can spend another 4 weeks. We can end up using as much time as the Mediation Board and we will never have a decision on it.

I asked that question for a number of reasons. It was my opinion when I introduced my measure that the time has come when we have to find a better answer. The chairman, himself, said that we have reached the point where perhaps collective bargaining has broken down in this dispute and real collective bargaining was not being followed under the present trend of the dispute.

I think that perhaps is correct and we all share that view. If that is so, then we must amend or we must find some other answer to our present procedure. That is why I have introduced this legislation, without respect to the parties involved, but with respect to what I think will be an improvement.

I hope it will be received in that light, and that I will have a chance to testify whenever time is permitted for other measures to be considered other than this particular resolution.