

tween Mr. Wolfe's testimony and the Secretary's. I think it might be wise for the Secretary to come back and give his opinion on this.

Thank you.

Mr. BROWN. I have two questions. I am certain Mr. Pickle will be proud of me on the first one, because it relates only to House Joint Resolution 559 and the Board proposed in the resolution.

Are you satisfied Mr. Wolfe, with the five-member Special Board as constituted or designed to be constituted under this recommendation, an entirely public board, as I understand it, one of whom has a background in railway management and another of whom has background in railway labor?

Mr. WOLFE. If I were certain that that is what it means, I wouldn't be quite as worried as I am. The bill, as I understand, simply says there will be one member with a management background and one member with a union background. It does not specifically state the management man will be with a railroad background, nor does it specifically state that the other member will be with a union background in these particular unions.

Mr. BROWN. Do you think it would be helpful to have House Joint Resolution 559 changed to that extent?

Mr. WOLFE. Yes, I think the man with the management background could be more helpful to the panel if he knew what he was talking about.

Mr. BROWN. Would you prefer three public members and one from railroad management and one from railway labor?

Mr. WOLFE. Yes; I would. I think these shopcraft unions have a perfect right to be represented, to know what is going on.

Mr. BROWN. The other question I have is on the figure of 74 percent of the employees having settled. That figure has been used in these hearings thus far.

Is that precisely accurate? Am I correct in the assumption that there are 24 unions involved here?

Mr. WOLFE. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROWN. With how many of those unions has management settled?

Mr. WOLFE. We made definite contracts with 13 unions. We are making agreements with some of the smaller unions on an individual railroad basis.

Mr. BROWN. How many? You are still negotiating, I gather?

Mr. WOLFE. We do not conduct the negotiations for certain unions. For example, the supervisors, the yardmasters—well, yardmasters will be on a national basis—the chair car porters, the patrolmen have a separate union. They are making agreements all over the industry and are accepting the pattern.

Mr. BROWN. How many unions are still in process? How many unions are involved in your inprocess negotiations to settle this matter?

Mr. WOLFE. Four.

Mr. BROWN. So that leaves how many unions—

Mr. WOLFE. And here are six. That makes 23.

Mr. BROWN. We left somebody out.

Mr. WOLFE. There is one little union that we haven't dealt with yet, but we will.

Mr. BROWN. One with which you have not dealt, and six?