RAILROAD LABOR DISPUTE

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1967

House of Representatives, COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE, Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice, in room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Harley O. Staggers (chairman) presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

We are meeting again this morning in continuation of hearings on House Joint Resolution 559, to provide for the settlement of the labor dispute between certain carriers by railroad and certain of their employees.

We have as our witness this morning Mr. Joseph W. Ramsey, general vice president of the International Association of Machinists.

Welcome to the committee, Mr. Ramsey. We are glad to have you.

You may proceed with your statement as you see fit.

We would like you to identify the gentlemen who are with you, for the record, before you proceed.

STATEMENT OF JOSEPH W. RAMSEY, GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS & AEROSPACE WORKERS; ACCOMPANIED BY ANTHONY KRAUSE, ASSISTANT GENERAL PRESIDENT, BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN; J. W. O'BRIEN, GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT, SHEET METAL WORKERS; THOMAS V. RAMSEY, INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESI-DENT, ELECTRICAL WORKERS; EDWARD WOLFE, VICE PRESI-DENT, BOILERMAKERS & BLACKSMITHS; AND JAMES ZINK, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, FIREMEN & OILERS

Mr. Ramsey. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I will introduce my colleagues of the Executive Council of the Railway Employees Department who are here at the table with me.

On my extreme left, Mr. Anthony Krause, assistant general presi-

dent, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

To my immediate left, Mr. J. W. O'Brien, general vice president of the Sheet Metal Workers.

On my immediate right, Thomas V. Ramsey, international vice president of the Electrical Workers.

Next to him is Mr. Edward Wolfe, vice president, Boilermakers &

Blacksmiths. At the end of the table, Mr. James Zink, executive vice president of the Firemen & Oilers.