

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Ramsey, it is difficult for any member of this committee to know which side is right. We have spent 3 weeks trying to determine who is giving us the best information, not as a matter of choice but because we have been given this problem. We are trying to arrive at these figures. If nothing is done, if we take no action on the bill before us, then we have a strike in the United States. Both parties have been in negotiation for at least 18 months. What assurance can we have, if we take no action, that you will get together?

Mr. RAMSEY. We can't give you any positive guarantee or bond, because you have to have two to make an agreement.

Mr. PICKLE. If that happened, then all we have is seizure or we have to try to take some action like this legislation before us. That is our choice, is it not?

Mr. RAMSEY. We prefer seizure, if it comes to that point.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY. In addition to the efforts of Francis O'Neill, the National Mediation Board Chairman, you have had some distinguished boards and panels listening to your testimony to try to resolve difficulties between labor and management. One was Emergency Board 169, headed by David Ginsburg, and the Fahy Panel, headed by Judge Fahy.

Emergency Board 169 held 7 days of public hearings, and the Fahy Panel, itself, while it may not have lasted very long, had 28 different meetings.

Have you felt that before both of these boards you have had adequate time to present your argument and to present your views as you have here this morning? Have you in any way had your efforts curtailed by lack of time or anything? Have you felt that the boards have given you adequate time?

Mr. RAMSEY. They gave us adequate time, but the Fahy Panel took no testimony or evidence. They were mediating and attempting to bring the parties off of dead center.

Mr. HARVEY. But the Ginsburg Board or the Emergency Board 169 did take testimony?

Mr. RAMSEY. Yes.

Mr. HARVEY. That testimony was valuable to the Fahy Panel, was it?

What I am trying to get at is: Is there any question in your mind but what the Fahy Panel was properly apprised of your views?

Mr. RAMSEY. They were properly apprised of our views, very emphatically, sir. But they were also apprised of the fact that we thought they were being guided more by the Economic Advisers over at the White House than anything else.

Mr. HARVEY. As I understand it, both of these boards, then, heard your views, both of them heard them completely. There is no question about that. And both of them rejected those views and came out with other findings. Is that correct?

Mr. RAMSEY. I would say they were governed and made reference to it on many occasions, by the Economic Advisers, Gardner Ackley, or whatever his name is.

Mr. HARVEY. I think it is fair to say that they rejected your particular views, did they not? In other words, they did not, in their findings, grant what you requested; is that correct?