

Mr. ADAMS. The reason I ask you this is because I have asked the same thing exactly of management and I got an answer that I wasn't satisfied with. We went back and forth on that several times.

So I don't want there to be any question on your side that if we make a proposal which, in effect, is unpalatable to both sides, that we can get some movement in this matter. If it is your publicly stated position that you are of the mind that you are able to move, then I think the sanctions which have been perhaps applied to your membership, which are the injunction and some type of final settlement of wages and conditions for a fixed period, are perhaps sufficient, and that we need to apply some equal sanctions to the other side to compel this negotiation.

Taking that position, I would like to ask you this: Do you have a position if a receiver is appointed, or if there is a type of seizure, whether seizure or appointment should be a Cabinet member, an appointee of the President, or a judicial receiver to be appointed by a court—do you have a position on it? If you do, fine; I would like to hear it.

Mr. RAMSEY. I am not the last word on law, but we would prefer the appointee of the President, such as occurred during the First World War.

Mr. ADAMS. I would like to know what your position is if there are to be these sanctions applied during this period of continuing mediation—I think you may have stated this before—what is your position on requiring at a point in this statement of public position by you as negotiators for the unions and by management in their position as negotiators for all the carriers?

Mr. RAMSEY. A declaration to the public?

Mr. ADAMS. A public statement of your unions. We would envision something like this: The requirement that management submit an offer, and that it be accepted or rejected by your side and then if it were rejected, a statement of counteroffer by your side to be combined with the panel recommendations in terms of a final solution to the matter.

By "final solution" I mean an establishment of conditions during the period of time when management would be held and you would be held.

Mr. RAMSEY. I haven't had time to study the more recent bill that I believe you have sponsored—

Mr. ADAMS. Several of us have introduced an additional bill.

Mr. RAMSEY. We, of course, feel that unless there was very elaborate machinery, No. 1, you could never take a vote of the membership. It would be a delaying tactic that would bring no results; that is, toward a settlement.

Mr. ADAMS. We can reconsider that provision. It was based on the airline strike experience. I am now taking your publicly stated position that you gentlemen sitting at this table have full authority, with no question, to settle this without having to go to anybody else.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Dr. Carter?

Mr. CARTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SPRINGER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CARTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. You have raised something new, Mr. Ramsey, which