

RAILROAD LABOR DISPUTE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 9 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, please.

We are continuing the 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 this morning Mr. Lester P. Schoene, counsel for the Railway Labor Executives' Association.

Mr. Schoene, I notice you have with you this morning Mr. Leighty.

STATEMENT OF LESTER P. SCHOENE, GENERAL COUNSEL, RAILWAY LABOR EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY G. E. LEIGHTY, CHAIRMAN, RAILWAY LABOR EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION

Mr. SCHOENE. Yes, Mr. Leighty is appearing with me, as I did with him when he testified last week.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Lester P. Schoene. I am a lawyer, a member of the firm of Schoene & Kramer, with offices at 1625 K Street NW., Washington, D.C.

I appear here this morning as counsel for the Railway Labor Executives' Association, which is the same organization whose chairman, Mr. Leighty, testified last Thursday. My firm has acted as counsel for the association in various matters for in excess of 20 years.

I have filed a statement in accordance with the rules, but with the committee's permission, I would like to discuss the issues that have sharpened up since that statement was prepared. In the course of my remarks, however, I will cover the subject matter contained in the statement.

The first issue that I would like to discuss—

The CHAIRMAN. Your entire statement will be included in the record at this point, Mr. Schoene.

Mr. SCHOENE. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

(Mr. Schoene's prepared statement follows:)