

by which the defense interests could be protected during a strike. Maybe some people in the Congress feel, "Let them strike and see what happens."

Mr. BIEMILLER. We feel very strongly that the offer that has been made by the shop crafts to work out an arrangement with the Department of Defense and the Department of Transportation, to keep needed goods running, has been made in very good faith.

We do not think that Secretary Boyd and Under Secretary Vance, at the conference that was held with them, had thoroughly explored this matter. We think they almost cavalierly dismissed it. We think this is a proposal that should be pursued further, and that offers a good solution to the present impasse.

Mr. DEVINE. Let me say this: At the White House, when the President called a number of us down there to discuss the matter, and to ask for the additional 47 days on top of the 20, the purpose, of course, was to consider this legislation and other legislation to resolve the differences.

I would also say that it was presumed that the parties would continue to negotiate and try to bring this to a settlement during that period.

There has been no evidence during 30 days that anyone is making a move. The Congress, I think, is getting weary of having to mediate the disputes between management and union interests.

That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MOSS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEVINE. I would be happy to.

Mr. MOSS. I would like to express my own concern.

I urged very strongly that the Secretary of Transportation and other appropriate officials in the administration explore fully the possibility of some interim arrangement that would definitely balance the security interests of this Nation.

I want to concur most emphatically in your observation that the meeting held showed no evidence of the kind of good-faith effort I had contemplated in urging upon both the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Labor that an effort be made to arrive at an agreement. I was disappointed. I was disgusted.

I think that in view of the fact it was a response to a request from the Congress, it was an action contemptuous of the Congress.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Satterfield, you are recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no questions at this time.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Yesterday, one thing that was pointed out by Mr. Schoene was that in House Joint Resolution 559 the parties would negotiate for 30 days following the determination of a special board.

Yesterday he testified that that was a meaningless requirement. I think he said that industry knew the worst that would happen to it and labor would know the best that could happen to it.

While I knew he did not approve of House Joint Resolution 559 at all, I asked him whether it might be an improvement in that resolution if that 30 days were to be taken and put before the hearing to allow an additional 30 days, so a period of 60 days would exist rather than 30.