

Mr. BROWN. You suggest Congress placing arms around management. This is not Congress legislation. This legislation comes directly from the administration.

Mr. GILBERT. I understand that it was Congress that passed compulsory arbitration in 1963.

Mr. BROWN. At his suggestion.

Mr. GILBERT. I don't know whose suggestion.

Mr. MACDONALD. The time of the gentleman has expired. We certainly welcome you here, Mr. Gilbert. I think you have made a fine contribution.

There is one more witness, and if we can hear him this morning it would be helpful.

So, on behalf of the committee, our thanks.

Mr. GILBERT. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Charles Luna, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

STATEMENT OF CHARLES LUNA, PRESIDENT, BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN; ACCOMPANIED BY A. H. CHESSER, LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. LUNA. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the members of the committee for allowing me to appear.

My name is Charles Luna. I am president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, AFL-CIO.

To my right is Mr. Al Chesser, our national legislative representative in Washington.

I have a prepared statement which is here, but I ask your patience while I speak from notes relating to this statement on House Joint Resolution 559.

Mr. MACDONALD. I think it would be perfectly proper, Mr. Luna, if you wanted to have included in the body of the record your entire statement and then paraphrase it so that the committee members might be able to question you.

Mr. LUNA. I would appreciate that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MACDONALD. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(Mr. Luna's prepared statement follows:)

PREPARED STATEMENT OF CHARLES LUNA, PRESIDENT, BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN, AFL-CIO

I want to thank the members of this committee for the opportunity to appear in behalf of the employees I represent.

My name is Charles Luna. I am president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, AFL-CIO.

I am appearing today in opposition to the proposed H. J. Resolution 559, placed before the Congress by the President in his May 4, 1967 message. This is the dispute involving the carriers represented by the National Railway Labor Conference and the six shopcraft unions.

On July 31, 1963, I appeared before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House, 88th Congress, to oppose the enactment of legislation proposed by another President to prevent a nationwide rail tieup threatened by the railroads. (H.J. Resolution 565).

Then, as now, railroad management wanted a crisis in the hope that the Congress would bail them out and give them undue advantage in dealing with their employees by giving them compulsory arbitration. They got it then. I hope and pray that this Congress will not make the same mistake.