

RAILROAD LABOR DISPUTE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1967

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

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice, in room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Harley O. Staggers (chairman) presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will please come to order.

This morning we have a continuation of the hearings on House Joint Resolution 559.

We have as our first witness Mr. A. J. Greenough, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Transportation Center, Philadelphia.

You may proceed as you wish.

STATEMENT OF A. J. GREENOUGH, PRESIDENT, PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.; ACCOMPANIED BY GREGORY PRINCE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL, ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS; AND J. E. WOLFE, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL RAILWAY LABOR CONFERENCE

Mr. GREENOUGH. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I have with me today Mr. Prince of the Association of American Railroads, and Mr. Wolfe of the National Railway Labor Conference. I think these two gentlemen need no further introduction to the members of the committee.

By way of qualifying myself, I might say that as of the first of next month I will start my 40th year of service in the railroad industry, all of it with the Pennsylvania. For the past 7 years I have been president and chief administrative officer of the company. Thirty-two years prior to that was all spent in the operating department in various capacities—superintendent, general superintendent, general manager, vice president of operations, and so forth.

It was my understanding that the committee wanted a railroad president with operating background to discuss primarily the proposal made by railroad union representatives Michael Fox and George Leighty, in a telegram to the Secretary of Defense, offering to move all rail shipments essential to the Nation's military effort and the public health in the event of a national railroad strike by the shopcraft unions.

I was informed late yesterday afternoon that the chairman was desirous of having me discuss somewhat broader aspects of the problem.

Let me make it clear that I am not conversant with the detailed situation with respect to the current dispute with the shopcraft unions and that I was asked to make this presentation before your committee