

Mr. WATKINS. Here we find ourselves getting very close to it where we will have to be counted. We are Congressmen and run every 2 years, not every 4. We have friends in management, and we have friends in labor. At least I hope we do. I have always thought I did.

Now we have to make a decision where no agency in this great Government of ours has done a thing but sit still. They kick it back into the laps of every Member of the Congress.

Don't you agree with me that collective bargaining may be kicked out the window by your actions?

Mr. WOLFE. Sir, I do not believe that we have had anything to do with kicking collective bargaining out of the window. As a matter of fact, I think we did everything that any reasonable person could ask us to do to close the windows so that collective bargaining would not disappear.

Mr. WATKINS. Would you agree with this: Would you agree that our great Government has failed—and I don't mean the Congress. Let us forget about the Congress. We will be the fall guy. Don't worry about that. We will have to be counted, and very shortly we will have to be counted. I can see that.

Don't you think our great Government has failed in these bureaus in not getting you fellows together? What was the idea of us extending this time if you weren't going to talk?

Mr. WOLFE. I think it would be very presumptuous on my part to say that our Government has failed. I think the Department of Labor has worked diligently in this case and in the other cases which we settled, to do everything that could possibly be done to bring the parties together.

I am particularly grateful to the Chairman of the National Mediation Board for the long hours, all night long, all day long, that he devoted to this.

I think I should mention the capable work of Mr. Reynolds, the Under Secretary of Labor, who, in my opinion, is one of the most competent mediators I have ever known.

If I recall correctly, and I am sure I do, the Secretary of Labor testified as to what had taken place, and in answer to a question from the chairman of this committee——

Mr. WATKINS. I wish you would answer my question and not the chairman's. I just want to know what you have done since we passed the last bill.

Mr. WOLFE. Yes, we have. If you mean confrontation of the full committee, about 15 men on our side and I don't know how many on the other, we have not had that. Your question was——

Mr. WATKINS. Then you disregarded the last act that we passed giving you 47 days to talk this thing over. In 47 days you have done nothing. But we have been here working.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Chairman, could I have another minute? I have sat here and heard other members on the other side use up 10 minutes yielding back and forth.

The CHAIRMAN. You may proceed.

Mr. WATKINS. You have heard all of us speaking about your not doing anything for 47 days. Perhaps you can get back and go back to talking.