

Mr. FORD. Thank you for yielding.

Mr. THOMPSON. He has done everything but stand up.

Mr. FORD. I just want to correct him on part of the history that he is putting into this record.

The problem was not the price of the Model T at the time of the organization of the auto workers; we were working on the V-8 engine then. Afterward Ford came out with a new car called the Mercury. So, you are off about half a generation.

Mr. CAREY. I am going to accept the competent authority on this. I will do everything as long as you don't bring up the Edsel.

Just to cap off the line of questioning, this will be my last call in this regard, it certainly is true that we have a ludicrous phenomenon in the economy today and that is that the very workers who produce this bounteous diet which we find on the American dining table today, the best food system of supply and the best diet that any civilization ever enjoyed, these very same farmworkers are unable to participate even in the minimal requirements of a balanced diet if they don't have meat on the table the way we do in Brooklyn 4 or 5 days a week—it used to be 4 days a week but the Pope has changed all that.

At least, they do not participate in the very fruits of their own labor; they cannot afford the minimum fare necessary for a balanced diet for their children at the same time they have given all of us one massive problem of actually weight watching.

Now, this is a ludicrous phenomeon. That is, the very people who produce aren't able to participate in the balanced diet that the rest of America enjoys.

I think it is time this bill got decent consideration, and I think your statement has gone a long way in helping us in that direction.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MEANY. Thank you.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Meany, I thank you very much.

Mr. MEANY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. THOMPSON. Since Secretary Wirtz has not yet arrived, his testimony will be presented by Mr. Frank A. Potter, Director of the Farm Labor Service of the Bureau of Employment Security.

Good morning.

Would you identify the gentleman with you?

Mr. POTTER. Yes.

I have with me Mr. Jim Goodgion, administrative assistant in my office, who is familiar with some of the data that you may ask for later.

Mr. THOMPSON. How do you wish to proceed, Mr. Potter? Do you wish to read the Secretary's statement or shall we put it in the record at this point?

Mr. POTTER. I would like to read his statement. I am authorized to do so and with your permission I will.

Mr. THOMPSON. With the Secretary's permission, we will do so.

STATEMENT OF HON. W. WILLARD WIRTZ, SECRETARY OF LABOR

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I am grateful for the opportunity this hearing presents.

The circumstances commend bluntness.