

EXTENSION OF NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT TO AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR
OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Frank Thompson, Jr. (chairman of the subcommittee), presiding.

Present: Representatives Thompson, O'Hara, Albert, Gardner, and Burton of California.

Also present: Peter W. Tredick, counsel; and Jeunesse M. Zeifman, clerk.

Mr. THOMPSON. The subcommittee will be in order.

We will continue our hearings on the bill, H.R. 4769, by Mr. O'Hara of Michigan.

Our colleague, Mr. Burton from California, would like to introduce our witnesses for today.

Mr. Burton.

Mr. BURTON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to commend you and the other members of your subcommittee for bringing this matter into the public forum.

I am pleased to have joined with a number of my distinguished colleagues and our principal author in proposing legislation bringing farmworkers into our National Labor Relations Act.

We have with us this morning, as you know, various leaders of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

I would like to, without in any way showing undue favoritism, make special mention not only of the presence of Cesar Chavez, a remarkable man of great personal integrity, conviction, and effectiveness, but, even more so, the one lady present, a young lady and the mother of seven children, Dolores Huerta.

Dolores and I worked on a number of projects in our State, numbers of them were thought to be lost fights to begin with, but as a result of her efforts and the support generated among those who labor on the farms of our State, the farmworkers in our State have had extended to them mandatory workmen's compensation coverage, disability insurance, and supplemental welfare benefits in those instances where the father is unemployed but remains in the home.