

according to recent returns, the distinguished mayor of the city of Chicago, Mayor Daley.

Also, with Mr. Walter Reuther is Mr. Jack Conway, who is known to all of us for his service to Government and to organized labor. He is well known, and his reputation is well deserved. I also note the presence here of a very dear and old personal friend of mine, Mr. Roy Reuther.

Now, Mr. Reuther, you may proceed as you wish.

STATEMENT OF WALTER REUTHER, PRESIDENT, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA, INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO, ACCOMPANIED BY JACK CONWAY

MR. REUTHER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I do appreciate the very kind remarks.

I might say that I think both of you belonged to very good UAW local unions. I hope that won't divide us in that argument.

I am privileged today to appear, both as president of UAW, representing 1,206,000 workers, working in the auto, aerospace, and agricultural implement industry, and I also appear as president of the industrial union department, representing 1.5 million workers; and I appear, Mr. Chairman, to add our voice in support of H.R. 4769, as introduced by Congressman O'Hara, and I understand there are a number of other identical bills to provide essentially for the same legislation.

I come here because I want to identify our voice, both in the UAW and the industrial union department, with the efforts of migratory farmworkers to win for themselves the same basic rights that millions of other American workers have enjoyed for many years.

Agricultural workers have been denied the right of self-organization, the right to collective bargaining, the right to a meaningful voice in dealing with their working conditions, their hours, and their wages, and all of the other things in the broad area of collective bargaining that other workers have had a voice and influence in.

I believe all of us who have had any contact with the problems of agricultural workers will have to agree that they have been treated as second- and third-class economic citizens. They are in truth the "have-not" people of America.

They have been disinherited, they have been disadvantaged, they have been denied, and they have been shut out of our society, because they have been denied the rights that other workers have enjoyed, and I believe that they are among the most exploited people in our Nation.

They contribute a great deal to the welfare and well-being of this country. We enjoy the very high living standards, and the average American family enjoys a better diet than does any group of people in the world, and this has been made possible by the sweat and the sacrifice and the tears of these people who have cultivated and nourished the earth, and we believe that it is time that we recognize their right to share in the tremendous abundance and the good life which they help make possible.

It is our judgment that there can be no economic or moral justification for denying agricultural workers the same measure of social