

boats, these are all activities not designed, in our judgment, to meet the 13(a)(3) exemption, which is more or less related to the amusement park-type of operation, I suppose.

Mr. DENT. Mr. Scherle, do you have any questions?

Mr. SCHERLE. Not at the present time, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DENT. Thank you all for attending and for your very frank testimony. I am sure the committee is going to take it under consideration seriously and we will try to discuss the matter at length with the Department, to see if we can't come to some kind of agreement on the matter without going into the legislative process.

Mr. LIFTON. We very much appreciate the interest of the chairman and the committee in this problem.

Mr. DENT. Without objection, at this point in the record we will insert a statement from the Honorable H. C. Schadeberg, one of our colleagues, and a letter from Mr. Russell E. Gage of the Gage Marine Corp., addressed to Mr. Schadeberg.

(Statement and letter follow:)

REMARKS OF HON. H. C. SCHADEBERG, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to be with you this morning and I appreciate your courtesy in including me in this hearing.

My conviction that H.R. 13192 corrects an oversight in existing legislation is as firm today as it was several months ago when the plight of the boating industry was first brought to my attention. In the light of the fact that representatives of the automobile, trailer, truck, farm implement, and aircraft industries engaged in similar work have been specifically exempted from the overtime provisions of the minimum wage law, it is apparent that the inclusion of the boating industry in this exemption is justified.

Existing law imposes an unnecessary and inequitable hardship on the boating industry and I hope that our efforts to remove this hardship will meet with success.

GAGE MARINE CORP.,
Williams Bay, Wis., October 21, 1967.

HON. HENRY C. SCHADEBERG,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SCHADEBERG: It is our understanding that hearing on bill H.R. 13192 will be held on Thursday, October 26, before the General Subcommittee on Labor of the House Education and Labor Committee.

We wish to very strongly urge the passage of this bill which will amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and thereby remove a damaging hardship as well as a gross inequity which presently exists as far as the Marine Industry is concerned. Our industry is extremely seasonal and the demands on our time during such a short period of time are tremendous. On this basis alone, it would seem that the Marine Industry should be entitled to the same exemptions which other industries, not so seasonal, presently enjoy.

The passage of the bill H.R. 13192, which Congressman Dent and you are introducing, would provide much needed relief for the Marine Industry and place us in a position which would be more equitable with other industries.

You may rest assured your support of this bill will not only be very helpful, but also very much appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

RUSSELL E. GAGE,
President.

Mr. DENT. This committee will stand in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

(Whereupon, at 10:55 a.m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at the call of the Chair.)