

was considered in those terms as actively as it could be pursued at that moment.

I do not intend to suggest that the state of the art is so complete that you can immediately translate it because one cannot. But if your question is whether the job implications of the negotiations and the development of this policy are being taken into account, I mention that as an illustration of the immediacy with which they were taken into account this last year.

Mr. BYRNES. I appreciate that during the negotiations you did give consideration to this labor factor. The problem that concerns me is what happens when we get into unforeseen circumstances, and steel may be the typical example. You made an offer you thought was safe, and you thought for a considerable period of time that you were safe to make a concession of reduced duty.

Then all of a sudden within 6 months of the time you were ready to conclude the agreement, Mr. Ambassador, you decided this would be dangerous from an employment standpoint? Isn't that right?

Ambassador ROTH. Total picture.

Mr. BYRNES. Now consider a situation that occurs a year later when your facts catch up to you after you have completed an agreement and action has been taken. We have to find some mechanism after the agreement is signed to take care of those situations just as you found a means in the negotiations to withdraw a concession.

It seems to me that is one of the problems that we have to focus on. We are now apparently stalemated by the fact that you always insist that we don't dare take any action to correct a mistake, other than through the adjustment assistance approach because we may face retaliation.

This framework worries me because it is frozen. I am not sure that I agree all this retaliation will necessarily take place.

Mr. ULLMAN (presiding). The committee will stand in recess until 2 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 12:25 p.m., the committee recessed to reconvene at 2 p.m., the same day.)

AFTER RECESS

(The committee reconvened at 2 p.m., Hon. Wilbur D. Mills, chairman of the committee, presiding.)

The CHAIRMAN. When we adjourned at noon, Mr. Byrnes had not completed his interrogation.

Mr. BYRNES. I suppose I should address this to Ambassador Roth. I will have a general question later with respect to which I would like to have comments from the other witnesses.

The bill before us, Mr. Ambassador, as I read the message of the President, has four provisions. Correct me if I am wrong.

The first extends the President's authority to make tariff adjustments; that is, the unused authority, to June 30, 1970.

The second eliminates the American selling price system of customs evaluation.

The third authorizes specific appropriations for the American share of the cost of administering the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade.