

Mr. HARTWIG. Yes, sir.

Mr. THOMPSON. We did not have that during the Korean war?

Mr. HARTWIG. We did.

Mr. THOMPSON. We do not have it now?

Mr. HARTWIG. We do not have it now.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Chairman, the Renegotiation Act covers competitive awards with specific exemptions, is that correct?

Mr. HARTWIG. It covers all awards by the agencies named in the act.

Mr. BROOKS. Negotiated or competitive?

Mr. HARTWIG. Negotiated or bid.

Mr. BROOKS. With the exemptions you discussed?

Mr. HARTWIG. With the exemptions I mentioned. There are a number of other exemptions, too. It would take quite a long time to enumerate all of them. I have given you the major ones.

Mr. THOMPSON. I hate to put you on a spot and if you don't want to answer, don't answer. In your opinion, do you feel we should have an excess profits tax similar to that we had in World War II and the Korean war? If you don't want to answer it, don't answer.

Mr. HARTWIG. I have been so busy in my own job, I frankly haven't given it much thought.

Mr. THOMPSON. All right.

Mr. HARTWIG. So far as our organization is concerned, we have a definite need for more people at the present time. No question about it. We don't have enough people to do the job we have in front of us.

Here is some indication of how the work is building up. We estimate that there will be 4,400 filings over the floor this year, 1968, as compared with 3,737 last year and 3,387 in 1966. We estimate that the hard cases, those cases that are assigned to the regional boards, the cases which may result in refunds, will increase from 635 in 1967 to 725 in the current year. The number will probably exceed 725.

We see greater profitability in the new filings. For example, for years about 30 percent of the contractors reported overall renegotiation losses, about the national average. That was true, I think, in 1966. In 1967 that ratio declined to about 21 percent. We made a check of the cases that went through the screening process in February of this year and 12 percent were loss cases.

Mr. BROOKS. "Loss" is the word you're using?

Mr. HARTWIG. Overall loss.

Mr. BROOKS. Losses declined from a national average of 30 percent in 1966 to 21 percent in 1967?

Mr. HARTWIG. Yes, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. And now seems to be approaching 12 percent?

Mr. HARTWIG. The cases that went through the process in February, 12 percent. This month we haven't found a single one.

Mr. BROOKS. Not one?

Mr. HARTWIG. No, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. Anything further?

Mr. THOMPSON. No further questions.

Mr. BROOKS. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your time here. I would say that to offset this increasing workload and give you a careful surveillance of the filings which you have to contend with and are supposed to cope with, you might want to consider a data proces-