

reparations, the difference between what he now considers the lawful rate and what was collected.

We also maintain a file of tariffs for the use of the public. Now the tariff filing requirements, the functions of this Bureau, are really the foundation of regulation. By requiring the carriers to file their rates and charges and to adhere strictly to them, the shippers, carriers and everyone else is informed as to what the carrier will charge for a given piece of transportation. It insures the establishment of just and reasonable rates, just treatment for everyone, avoiding unjust discrimination, prejudice and preference.

I think in a nutshell those are the functions of our Bureau.

Mr. BROOKS. You have how many people in that Bureau?

Mr. COX. I have 195 engaged in this type of work.

Mr. BROOKS. Most of those are stationed here in Washington?

Mr. COX. All in Washington. We have no field staff in our Bureau.

Mr. BROOKS. Do you have any questions, Mrs. Heckler?

Mrs. HECKLER. No, I don't, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Thompson?

Mr. THOMPSON. No, sir.

Mr. BROOKS. I want to thank you very much for a concise explanation of your function and that of your section.

Mr. Chairman—and I want to say to those of you who don't know that Mr. Tierney was a long time staff member of the Senate Government Operations Committee and is familiar with Government operations generally, and by now he is pretty familiar with the ICC—if they get tired of you down there, you might come back here and we will really give them a going over, Mr. Chairman.

It is a pleasure to have you here and your staff. I want to thank you for your cooperative attitude and your help in making substantial improvements in your operations.

Mr. TIERNEY. We are grateful for your letting us appear.

Mr. BROOKS. The hearing is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:15 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.)