

On June 13, 1968, I sent a telegram to Secretary Wirtz on this same subject.

The Wage and Hour Division has not applied this same ruling inments with the Veterans' Administration; but despite this, the Secretary of Labor has specific authority under the act to grant an exemption where necessary to prevent serious impairment of the conduct of the Government's business.

Without objection I will insert at this point in the record the legislative history of Public Law 89-286 together with correspondence on this same subject and other material pertinent to this hearing.

(The material referred to follows:)