

subcommittee that I possibly can.

This is a bill which is supported by the administration. It has the purpose of filling a gap in labor standards upon Federal Government contracts. We have the Walsh-Healey Act which covers supply contracts; we have the Davis-Bacon Act which covers construction contracts, as the Senator well knows. But we have not any standards at all which could be applied to assure that the Government is paying fair wages, prevailing wages, on service contracts of the Government.

That is a particularly unfortunate thing for those workers, mainly unskilled workers, for example, who provided janitorial and maintenance service under contracts between contractors and the Government, where the main factor of competition between the various contractors is the wage rates paid to the workers.

The result is that sometimes pitifully low wages are paid. A survey made concerning the wage rates in these service classifications show 89 cents an hour was paid to elevator operators in Atlanta; 79 cents in Memphis.

Senator PROUTY. When were those wages paid?

Mr. DONAHUE. This was made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1963.

Senator PROUTY. You don't have any idea what they are currently.

Mr. DONAHUE. We find the lower wage rates primarily in the South Senator.

Senator PROUTY. Thank you.

Mr. DONAHUE. I think that it is just a matter of simple justice that this legislation should receive favorable consideration. It is a measure which the chairman has introduced in his bill in the Senate: