

under contract with the Federal Government. We would not regard those added payments as part of the regular rate of pay when made ~~as a separate item, but as a part of the regular rate of pay~~. I think you said that you could not determine the prevailing wage scales in the District of Columbia.

Why can you not do that in any metropolitan area—determine the prevailing wage scale?

Mr. DONAHUE. I tried to say that we could not realistically confine ourselves to the exact boundaries of the District of Columbia.

Senator PROUTY. Let us take any metropolitan area, New York City, for example.

Mr. DONAHUE. Well, in New York City we have authority under the statute to seek out any city, town, village, or other political subdivisions of the State which is broad enough to let us go out beyond New York City as far as we wish, or as far as we need to, in order to ascertain sufficient wage rates to determine what is prevailing.

SENATOR McNAMARA. I think the common use of the word "scale" ~~is to refer to the rate of pay for janitorial service, including cleaning offices and similar services.~~ is to refer to the rate of pay for janitorial service, including cleaning offices and similar services.

Now, what position is the building owner in under the provisions of this bill?

Mr. DONAHUE. I believe he would not be covered under the provisions of this bill, because it applies to contracts which are primarily service contracts, and I would assume that such a leasing arrangement providing janitorial services is not primarily a service contract, Senator; that it would be in effect a lease of space in a building.

Senator PROUTY. That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR McNAMARA. Thank you very much. If there are no other questions, we appreciate your taking the time to appear here and give us this clarification.

Mr. DONAHUE. It is my own pleasure to have a chance to be of any assistance to the subcommittee.