

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any further questions?

Mr. CLAUSEN. Any comments, anyone? Mr. Chairman, I will not prolong this because we have other witnesses, but I would not want to lose this opportunity to compliment you gentlemen for taking the time to come as far as you have and in particular to focus attention on the problem of the availability of funds.

Those funds have been actually obligated and anticipated in the trust fund and you have spelled out the overall effect to your organization that the personnel that you are trying to gather, to do the work, and I am pleased to have this very fine statement put on the record because I tell you not only are you affected by this as entrepreneurs and contractors, but my own people from the State of California who are involved in the public sector find themselves faced with the same problem, and I am pleased that you put this so well into focus in your testimony.

I thank you for coming.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you. There are no further questions.

Mr. SPROUSE. Could the telegrams which the minority counsel has received be made a part of the record?

Mr. CRAMER. I so request.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(Telegrams and other papers referred to follow:)

PIERRE, S. DAK.,
May 24, 1968.

J. M. SPROUSE,
Associated General Contractors of America,
Washington, D.C.:

Davis-Bacon rates or better currently paid on primary and urban. If extended to secondary would increase cost of that program by about 1½ million or 15 percent to avoid added contract cost and disruption of scale paid their own employees, many counties would probably refuse Federal and and build by day labor.

JAMES H. HUNT,
Manager, Associated General Contractors of South Dakota.

TOPEKA, KANS.,
May 24, 1968.

J. M. SPROUSE,
Associated General Contractors,
Washington, D.C.:

In Kansas 80 to 90 percent of our work is open shop. Wage surveys made by our highway department and by this association to assist the Davis-Bacon section are obsolete at the time they are made. Shortage of workman and steady increase in wage rates render wage rates determined on surveys of work during the past year of no value. To burden the ABC system with this procedure would add 5 to 10 percent to ultimate costs to the State and Federal Governments and serve no useful purpose.

K. W. COMFORT,
Manager, Kansas Contractors Association.

AUSTIN, TEX.,
May 24, 1968.

J. M. SPROUSE,
Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.,
Washington, D.C.:

Reurtel estimate extension of Davis-Bacon to ABC System would increase the cost about 10 percent or about \$12 million.

JAMES M. RICHARDS,
Associated General Contractors,
Texas Highway Heavy Branch.