

SEASONAL UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR
OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10:05 a.m., pursuant to call, in room 2261, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. James G. O'Hara presiding.
Present: Representative O'Hara.

Staff members present: Jim Harrison, Director; Dr. James R. Wason, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, consultant; and Austin Sullivan, legislative specialist, full committee.

Mr. O'HARA. The Select Subcommittee on Labor of the House Committee on Education and Labor will meet today to consider the bill H.R. 15990, an amendment to the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, as amended, having to do with seasonality in the construction industry and the implications of the seasonal nature of that industry on national manpower policy.

(Text of H.R. 15990 follows:)

[H.R. 15990, 90th Cong., second sess.]

A BILL To amend the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, as amended

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, as amended, is amended by adding a new section 108 to title I of the Act:

"SEC. 108. The Secretary of Labor is directed to investigate, conduct research and prepare a report on seasonality in the construction industry with special attention to its implications for national manpower policy. This report, together with such proposals for remedial action as the Secretary may deem appropriate, shall be transmitted to the President no later than March 1, 1969, and to the Congress no more than sixty days thereafter."

Mr. O'HARA. Our first witness is a very distinguished member of the executive branch who has added great distinction to the Office of Under Secretary of Labor, the Under Secretary, Mr. James J. Reynolds.

Mr. Secretary, would you please proceed with your testimony in whatever manner you would feel would be most appropriate.