

SEASONAL UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1968

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

The subcommittee met at 10:15 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2261, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. James G. O'Hara presiding.

Present: Representatives O'Hara, Meeds, and Steiger.

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 come to order.

The purpose of today's meeting is to continue the consideration of H.R. 15990, a bill dealing with seasonality of employment and operation in the construction industry.

The first witness today will be the president of the Bricklayers, Masons & Plasterers International Union of America, Mr. Thomas F. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy, who is an old friend of mine, is also the president of a union of which I am an honorary member so that I might say, Mr. Murphy, if anybody tries to rough you up, don't worry. I'll take care of you.

We enjoy having you here always and are looking forward to your testimony today.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS F. MURPHY, PRESIDENT, BRICKLAYERS, MASONS & PLASTERERS UNION OF AMERICA

Mr. MURPHY. Apropos of that when the late John Fogarty was chairman of one of these committees my brother who is a bricklayer also testified and before he started John Fogarty let the members of the committee know that he was a member of the Bricklayers Union and so treat him kindly.

I am grateful for your remarks. I have a statement that goes into some detail about this seasonality of construction. It is quite lengthy and perhaps I can shorten it.

I have provided copies and to save the time of the committee I will try to talk off the cuff.