

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 9:45 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2261, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. James G. O'Hara presiding.

Present: Representatives O'Hara, Gibbons, Hathaway, 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.

Our leadoff witness today on the bill H.R. 15990, dealing with seasonality in the construction industry, is the very distinguished president of the Building Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, Mr. Haggerty.

Mr. Haggerty, I understand you have another engagement and are going to have to be leaving us. I think without further ado I am simply going to ask you to proceed with your statement.

STATEMENT OF C. J. HAGGERTY, PRESIDENT, BUILDING AND CON- STRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO, ACCOMPANIED BY WALTER MASON, LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, AFL-CIO; AND JAMES R. SHEETS

Mr. HAGGERTY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

My name is C. J. Haggerty and I am president of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In the name of the building trades department and its affiliated unions, I wish to thank the chairman for affording me the opportunity to appear before you in support of H.R. 15990.

The issues raised by this bill are basic to the future progress of the construction industry and are, by virtue of that, of overwhelming importance to the economic health and stability of the United States of America.

I come here today to speak for approximately 4 million workers who depend upon the construction industry for their living. These