

and I think the Federal Government probably is guilty of not paying attention to what goes on in the private sector of our industry in that they will schedule and appropriate large sums of money for construction at the same time that the private sector is spending billions in their program of construction so that you have at one time a great press for the skill to get these jobs going and sometimes a shortage of men for a short period of time.

I think that if the Federal Government can be called upon to look at the whole pattern and the whole availability of funds for construction and sort of schedule their allocations and programs accordingly it would draw out I think longer employment for the worker as well as more speedy construction and finishing of these large projects.

Mr. O'HARA. I think that we ought to encourage that development. It has been suggested in some private conversation with the staff that we ought to think twice before we report this bill because it might serve as an excuse to delay action in the Federal Government of that type which the evidence before us indicates is required.

Do you share that concern or do you feel that this bill should pass?

Mr. HAGGERTY. I think the bill should proceed on its logical, natural course without being held back by reason of the other bill.

Mr. O'HARA. You wouldn't object if we went beyond that?

Mr. HAGGERTY. What can you sell? That is the question.

Mr. O'HARA. That is what we are trying to figure out, what we can sell. I completely agree with your statement, Mr. Haggerty. I would like to ask just one further question.

You favor both the bill before this subcommittee and S. 2938 which is before the Senate. Would you be prepared to comment on the differences between the bills and what your view might be on those differences?

Mr. HAGGERTY. I would rather refer that to my young colleague on my left here because I haven't been in close touch. I have just returned from a trip out in the west coast and have been 15 days away.

Would you supply that for me?

Mr. SHEETS. Thank you.

Mr. Congressman, the bill before the Senate, like H.R. 15990, is an amendment to the Manpower Development and Training Act.

In its first section it calls for the same sort of study of both the public and private sector of the construction industry that your House resolution does.

In its second section it calls for the establishment of a Cabinet level Federal construction council that would perform this function of studying the effects and directing the effects of distributing Federal and federally aided construction over a longer period of time, so that it does have the factor that you were just talking about.

Now, from our point of view, there are a couple of items that it would seem to me could usefully be added to the Senate bill. One of them is already in 15990. That is the time limit for studying this problem of seasonality.

The Senate bill doesn't have any kind of reporting date such as you entered in your introduced House resolution.

Also, we think it takes a rather too limited view of both the costs and benefits available from eliminating or limiting seasonality in the construction industry.