

I certainly am not an accountant, but I, in my capacity, do make reports to the Federal Government. These reports are referred to as simple, uncomplicated reports, but they cost my membership money to maintain them and send them. I'm not saying that the reports that I make are not necessary but they have convinced me that any unnecessary Government reporting or controls should be eliminated. The Federal Power Commission's definition of "burdensome" is a matter of opinion. Whether this reporting will be burdensome in their opinion or not, it will cost additional money unnecessarily—money that, in my opinion, can be shared by Florida Power & Light employees and customers on that property.

It is for these reasons that my membership and I are supporting House bill 5348 which, in our opinion, will put some limits on how far this Government agency can reach out and regulate the American public's life.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity for testifying.

Mr. MACDONALD. Thank you very much, sir, for your contribution to the hearings.

Once again, I just have two questions of you. As I understand it from your testimony on page 5, you talk about the necessity of you, as a union official, having to report to the Federal Government.

Mr. FORTNER. Yes.

Mr. MACDONALD. That is under the Taft-Hartley regulations, is it not?

Mr. FORTNER. Some under the Taft-Hartley, but primarily under the more recent Landrum-Griffin Act, such as sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Labor Union-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act.

Mr. MACDONALD. My point is that there is no requirement in Florida, is there, that you have to report to the State legislature or the Governor of Florida?

Mr. FORTNER. You have to report to Tom Adams, secretary of state, in order to obtain a business manager's license and to keep them up.

Mr. MACDONALD. Yes, but I am talking about the workings of your union.

Mr. FORTNER. None, other than in negotiations, or something of that type, where you have to keep them up to date; not the State mediation but the Federal mediation agency updated.

Mr. MACDONALD. So the analogy is not quite accurate, then, of duplicate reporting, which you draw between the Florida Power & Light Co. and that of your union.

Mr. FORTNER. No, sir. The point I was trying to make, Mr. Chairman, is that all the information that I can obtain leads me to the belief that it is obvious that the FPC asserting jurisdiction over the company would require the company to file duplicate reporting. I say that money—in my position as business manager—I would rather have the opportunity to try to negotiate that money for my membership than spending it for Federal regulation.

Mr. MACDONALD. Yes, sir. My last question: Are you here representing just your local or is this the position of the AFL-CIO?

Mr. FORTNER. I am here representing the System Council U-4, which is comprised of 11 local unions in the State of Florida. We are affiliated with the national AFL-CIO.