

Mr. FORTNER. Sometimes there are a lot of them.

Mr. MACDONALD. This is why I said, and I don't want to make too much of it, that it seems peculiar that this vote would be unanimous. I have had some dealings with labor unions. This committee has, too. At one point the leaders of the union negotiated a settlement of an airline strike and it was not accepted by the membership.

Mr. FORTNER. Yes, sir; but it was unanimous here. I would go further verbally, if I may—it is not in my formal statement—but I am not up here as a maverick. I checked with my Florida AFL-CIO president and the first vice president, as I have with the Florida Electrical Workers and my own membership. Strange as it may seem, the president has corresponded with some of the Senators in favor of the proposed legislation.

Mr. MACDONALD. You do not mean President Johnson, you mean the president of the State union?

Mr. FORTNER. No; I am talking about the president of the Florida AFL-CIO.

Mr. MACDONALD. I see. Are there further questions, gentlemen?

Mr. BROTZMAN. No.

Mr. MACDONALD. Thank you very much.

Mr. FORTNER. Thank you very much.

Mr. MACDONALD. We appreciate your coming here.

Mr. Tally is the next witness. He is general counsel of the North Carolina Municipally Owned Electric Systems Association.

I would like to yield before you start, to both of the gentlemen from North Carolina. First I would like to welcome the witness. Your State is very ably represented here on this subcommittee.

Mr. TALLY. Thank you, sir.

Mr. MACDONALD. I think perhaps they would like to welcome you.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I will say a word or two about my good and longtime friend, Mr. Joe Tally. He is one of the most distinguished citizens of our State, having been, among many other things, the mayor of his hometown, and president of the International Kiwanis Club at one time. He occupies positions of great leadership and is one of the leading members of the bar of our State. I will say also, maybe to the disbelief of many here because of our physical appearances nowadays, but at one time he was one of my law professors. He worked for our law school. I have passed him in years now, by all appearances.

Mr. MACDONALD. I wouldn't say that.

Mr. BROYHILL. I would like to join my colleague in welcoming Mr. Tally. I have known Mr. Tally for the last several years. He is general counsel of the Municipally Owned Electric Systems Association of which there are 73 in North Carolina. We certainly welcome his testimony before the committee.

STATEMENT OF J. O. TALLY, JR., GENERAL COUNSEL, NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPALLY OWNED ELECTRIC SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

Mr. TALLY. Mr. Chairman, I am very grateful for your kind remarks and those of Congressman Jim and Congressman Horace. I guess I always say about Horace, you can see he has fared better as a student than I have as a professor; because I have lost a lot more hair than he has lost.