

Mr. Wallace. 8/28/87.

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1 the senate labor committee which had solicited our views on two  
2 pieces of legislation. The response, I think, has been  
3 distributed to the board today. I believe that the president  
4 should be authorized to send that response to the committee. I  
5 have one suggestion that Ms. Bernstein made, and since she is  
6 not here, I will make it on her behalf and with my full  
7 endorsement. At one point in the draft --

8 CHAIRMAN DURANT: I think that she has already  
9 discussed that with Mr. Anderson.

10 MR. WALLACE: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN DURANT: Do we need a board motion to do  
12 this?

13 MR. WALLACE: The board's views were solicited by  
14 Congress. It is a policy matter and I think the board ought --

15 CHAIRMAN DURANT: I agree.

16 MR. WALLACE: Since it has been discussed with Mr.  
17 Anderson, let me discuss it for the rest of the board. At one  
18 point in the draft, as you know, we refer to efforts to require  
19 negotiation and accommodation before lawsuits and we determined  
20 under our current statute that we do not have authority to  
21 enforce that.

22 Ms. Bernstein has noted that the state of Maryland has

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1 required such procedures with the use of its own money and that  
2 Congress may want to consider changing the law to permit the  
3 encouragement and, indeed, the requirement of such negotiating  
4 and accommodating procedures where federal money is involved as  
5 well. None of the letter is couched of terms of "we absolutely  
6 believe you ought to do this". Ms. Bernstein has said that that  
7 is one thing Congress ought to consider. I firmly agree with  
8 that, and I think the board ought to authorize the draft of the  
9 letter to be sent to the labor committee with that amendment.

10 CHAIRMAN DURANT: Is there a second?

11 MR. VALOIS: Second.

12 MR. BEARDALL: Mr. Chairman -- Mr. Wallace, may I ask  
13 -- this is an item that was not on the board agenda. I take it  
14 that the board has decided to endorse these particular pieces of  
15 legislation. The comment that the endorsement of the specific  
16 position you have taken is not public yet. Is it going to be  
17 made public before you reach a decision to endorse this  
18 legislation?

19 MR. VALOIS: This is not really something, in my  
20 opinion, that is subject to public input, necessarily. They  
21 have asked the board to take a position on two pieces of  
22 legislation, and I think that we are going to do that.

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