

President's Message



Common Situs Picketing Bill

I at first intended to comment about the necessity for everyone connected with the prestressed concrete industry, either as a producer or a professional, and everyone in general connected with the construction industry to make their feelings known on the proposed Common Situs Picketing Bill.

This Bill, if passed, would have upset a very delicate balance in labor/management relations and, contrary to general opinion, would have accelerated the movement to open shop in the construction industry. Its all-or-nothing philosophy would have galvanized the proponents of nothing, polarized labor and management, union and non-union, complicated the effective execution of reasonable affirmative action programs, and reinforced the inflationary pressures in construction. Had the legislation passed and been signed into law, it would have been a Pyrrhic victory for organized labor. Fortunately, the House of Representatives defeated the proposal, for the time being, which saved the President the embarrassment of signing it and saved me from exhorting all of you to make your feelings known on the matter.

As the Prestressed Concrete Institute, we don't participate in political activity, but when the well-being of our members, the industry we serve, and the construction community in general is in jeopardy because of some impending legislation, we are obligated to use our good offices to insure our future, just as we might in matters concerning design criteria, codes, insurance evaluations, OSHA regulations, and other similar subjects.

I would be interested in your comments on this or any other subject in which you feel the Institute, and more particularly its members (professional, producer, associate), have a stake.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leonard M. Schultz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".