



it, he said to me 'Show me that last clipping agin.' I showed it to him. He said I fixed that son of a bitch so he won't be talking about special interest any more.' He got the conference committee to change the provision to include all the railroads in the country.' You should have seen those lobbyists swarm in here the next day--in twos and threes and in waves. They called the President of BN and said who's that dumb bastard you have working for you. We took the national provision out again when it got to the continuing resolution. I think that was the right thing to do, don't you?"

"Mary Ann, our agriculture person is out and I'm handling her job. It reminds me how much of our mail and how many of our calls have to do with agriculture."

Chip Hardin came in and talked briefly about the brouhaha last night between Mark and Packwood, involving the CAB. "It was unfortunate. We bent over backwards and provided for a line item veto of an appropriations by his committee. I think the problem was the he knew he didn't have the votes in his committee and would have been embarrassed. He knew he had the votes on the Senate floor. If we had not done what we did for his committee, and had just left the House version in there, we really would have been invading his turf. So--we made a deep bow in his direction and got kicked in the butt."

After sitting all afternoon in Andrews office, I left at 4:30--when they said they thought the conference wouldn't start till 7:30. The Manns were coming for dinner.