

MR. CARNEVALE: My name is Pat Carnevale. I'm a laid-off employee from LTV, a steel corporation right here in Pittsburgh. I come from the coke division. Also, I am a representative for the United Steel Workers of America out of Local 1843.

I'm here to talk about a little bit about laid-off employees. I know everybody thinks, well, there are great jobs out there, and we've done a lot. If it weren't for our great union giving great pensions out, there would have been a lot of people out there starving.

Most of our employees we shipped off to other states, but the people that were still left here had to go out and get other jobs, such as truck drivers, going to work for Lowe's, Home Depot, a lot of small paying jobs. These people today, I would assume, work two and three jobs just to make ends meet. Their wives work; everybody got somebody in day care centers. Our whole society is based on day care centers. Nobody can stay at home and watch their children or do anything; we send them to day care centers, because of the jobs, of the security of our country.

You know, it's getting to a part that even when I go out there myself -- I'm a man of 62 years of age -- I was a welder in the mills. People have called me up and asked me, "Do you want to go back to work? We'll pay you \$10 an hour." Maybe 20 years ago I would

have taken that job, but I happen to be a very fortunate person, and my father left me a little dollars, and now I don't have to go back. But maybe I would have had to take those jobs.

It's a shame what has happened to our whole society here in Allegheny County. We look around Allegheny County, and we say, "Boy, isn't it being built up?" Take the LTV site down there. We brought the ballparks, put them on that one site. We had stadiums. We took UPMC that was already in Sydney Square. We moved them to the LTV site. They were tax-free over in Sydney Square. We put them back up on LTV's old site on South Side. They are tax-free again.

They were a labor union when they were in Sydney Square. When they moved them out, they busted that union; brought less people in at a less hourly wage.

The electrical unit which was over on the North Side. Looks like North Side's being done, but what did we do? We knocked down their union hall over there, gave them \$5 million, told them to go over to the South Side to build a place.

We didn't create any more jobs; we just moved people. And that's all we're doing in Allegheny County, moving people. As time goes on, we'll probably become the biggest retirement community in the United

States. It's hard to believe that that's going to happen.

Health care will be the biggest thing in this economy. When I was a young man, I graduated high school. There were steel mills up and down this river to make your head spin. That's 40-some years ago, 47 years ago. Today, there is nothing left. There is not one steel mill in the city of Pittsburgh. In Allegheny County, I think we only got three steel mills left out of the big steels. Now, it's a shame what's going on.

But you should look into our people. Yes, we educate x amount of people, we try to bring them into the computer fields and every other field. Them jobs ain't that big. You take that new Homestead; I was just up Homestead the other day, I was walking down from Homestead on Eighth Avenue -- Eighth Avenue, you don't even want to walk Eighth Avenue -- but we're building a Fifth Avenue.

What's happening? Now, Lowe's is going in down there. We'll have the theaters down there. We're going to bring in more stuff. All we're doing is moving the people from Eighth Avenue to Fifth Avenue. More things will close down. Homestead will become a ghost town.

There's an Italian plant up there just moved, and the United Steel Workers have just -- I

think we organized that Italian plant. I think there's 100 people or 150 people. Once again, it was for a lot less where ours though. They are up there working for I think \$10 or \$12 an hour. They don't make the money we made. It things that we're looking at -- this economy is dying, and we should be looking at the people in this economy.

Not only come down and look at us, see where we're going -- security jobs, health care jobs, truck driver -- I'll get anybody a job. You want to drive a truck, I'll get you a job driving a truck tomorrow for \$7, \$8 an hour. I'll give you a security job, guy that carries a gun. You want to carry a gun? Eight dollars an hour. I wouldn't carry nobody's gun for \$8 an hour; nobody's going to shoot at me. But those jobs are out there. There's nothing here no more, and I wish you come back and look at our people.

Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER BECKER: Thank you.

If any of the others I called on come in give a holler.

Andy Bury? Andy's here.

MR. BURY: Robert Shaw --

COMMISSIONER LEWIS: Excuse me, your name is Andy Bird?

MR. BURY: Bury, B-U-R-Y.

COMMISSIONER LEWIS: Thank you.