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# NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, J. 1428 Longworth Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-6465

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### FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) today said he has been assured by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) that it will expedite its decision in the National Cash Register bargaining election dispute.

Whalen said he had conferred with Ogden Fields, NLRB Executive Secretary, and received assurances to that effect from him. He released a copy of a letter (enclosed) he sent Fields confirming the understanding.

In the letter, Whalen said he had been in contact with company representatives, the International Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers and the Employees Independent Union.

Their consensus, Whalen told Fields in the letter, was "that the most practical solution is a decision by the Hearing Examiner as soon as possible after the June 24 brief-filing deadline."

Whalen said continuation of the dispute has had an adverse impact on the Dayton area.

He said he has talked with many NCR employees who feel that "financially, they are being unreasonably penalized." He cited the fact that no new wage agreement can be reached until a bargaining agent is determined.

The NLRB is reviewing the disputed January 19 representation election. It involved the determination as to which union group is to represent approximately 15,000 production and maintenance employees in collective bargaining.

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Dear Mr. Fields:

I again want to thank you for your personal assurance that you will do everything possible to expedite the decision relative to the National Cash Register bargaining election dispute now before your agency.

As I indicated to you during our recent conversations, failure to certify a collective bargaining agent for NCR employees has had an adverse impact on the Dayton area. Since no new wage agreement can be reached until a bargaining agent has been determined, many employees (and I have spoken personally with a large number of them) believe that, financially, they are being unreasonably penalized. This has created an obvious restiveness among a significant segment of my District.

As you know, I expressed my concern regarding this situation not only to you but also to representatives of the company, the International Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, and the Employees Independent Union. It was the consensus of all with whom I discussed this problem that the most practical solution is a decision by the Hearing Examiner as soon as possible after the June 24 brieffiling deadline.

Your willingness to use your good offices toward this end is sincerely appreciated, not only by me but by all NCR employees and the parties directly involved in the NLRB hearings.

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Charles W. Whalen, Jr

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