

### **Harrison Seeks Action to Free Bentonite Cars**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. William Henry Harrison, R-Wyo., asked the National Mediation Board Wednesday to act on an emergency basis toward settling a Chicago Belt Line Railroad strike that may have serious effects on Wyoming's bentonite industry.

Harrison said one Wyoming bentonite producer, Wyo - Ben Products Co. of Greybull, Wyo., has 25,000 tons of bentonite loaded in 320 railway cars standing in the Chicago rail yards unable to be loaded.

The bentonite is for Great Lakes shipment to Canadian taconite plants which use the products for processing purposes. One Canadian firm is down to only a 10-day supply of bentonite which is essential in its operations, the congressman said.

Harrison said that adverse consequences to Greybull could result if Wyo-Ben should be forced to curtail production. The Greybull firm's contracts with the Canadian taconite plants represent 78 per cent of its annual volume.

Harrison called on the National Mediation Board for prompt action to alleviate the situation, pointing out that as of Aug. 9 the Belt Line Railroad strike was holding up 3,500 railway cars in the Chicago area.

## **Strike Greatly Affects Bentonite Deliveries**

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