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I want to say at the outset to all of you here today and to all ILA members everywhere that you have as your president one of the truly remarkable leaders of the American labor movement. I ought to know: it has been my privilege to work with Teddy Gleason during the past two and a half years. We've held meetings at the White House, in Bal Harbour, and anywhere else we could meet to resolve an issue, forge a new policy or do something constructive for the maritime industry and the country. Teddy's advice and counsel, like his genuine talent as a mediator, is valued in Washington.

Let me give you an example. Shortly after I became Secretary of Transportation, you may recall a big furor arose over the shipment of bagged wheat flour to Egypt. The original plans were to ship one million tons -- the largest single flour-export transaction in the history of the Department of Agriculture -- in foreign bottoms. Teddy and I discussed the planned exclusion of U.S.-flag carriers. I talked to my colleagues in the Cabinet and my advisors at the Department of Transportation to see what we could do. I flew to Bal Harbour and had breakfast with Teddy during the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting. And we worked the issue through. Later the President was able to announce that half the flour -- half a million tons in all -- would be shipped in American bottoms. I hardly need remind you what a boost to the maritime industry that flour represented -- but I couldn't come here this afternoon and not remind you of the key role Teddy Gleason played in making it happen. This is typical of the way your president rolls up his sleeves for the livelihood of working men and women everywhere.

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