THE COURT: We don't need to take a break. Go ahead and manipulate the courtroom. We will wait for you.

MR. SHELLENBERGER: Thank you, Your Honor. No problem.

(Whereupon, pause.)

(Whereupon, witness present.)

WITNESS ON STAND

Whereupon,

MICHAEL R. BALL,

the witness herein, being first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and testified as follows:

THE COURT CLERK: State your name and address for the record.

THE WITNESS: Michael R. Ball, 711 South Bouldin Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. SHELLENBERGER:

Q Mr. Ball, if you could, keep your voice up so everybody in the back can hear you.

Could you give us your address, again, please.

A 711 South Bouldin Street.

Q Is that here in Baltimore City, sir?

A Yes, it is.

Q Sir, how long have you lived at that address?

A Going on 40 years.

Q Where did you live before that?

A Rodgers Forge.

Q How long had you lived out in Rodgers Forge?

A About 25 years.

Q Sir, where did you go to high school?

A Patterson Senior High School.

Q Did there come a time when you left school?

A Yes.

Q Why was that?

A Family matters.

Q Did you go to work?

A Yes.

Q Approximately what year was that?

A '52.

Q What type of work did you go into?

A Asbestos work, pipecovering.

Q As a result of going into asbestos work, did you have an occasion to join a union?

A Yes, Local 11.

Q And what is the title of Local 11?

A International Association of Heat and Frost and Insulators.

Q How long have you been involved in that union?

A Since 1952.

Q Are you still currently involved?

A Yes, although it is Local 24 now.

Q You joined the union in '52; is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q Now, can you tell me a little bit about what an asbestos worker does?

A You apply asbestos pipecovering and block to

piping and vessels, rectangular tanks, cylindrical tanks.

Q Can you tell me a little bit about how the various unions work?

Who could work on what and what different trades would do. For instance, could you do work other than what --

A No. You never cross trade barriers.

Q All right. Now, sir, approximately how many jobsites have you worked on as an asbestos worker?

A Oh, Lord, I couldn't give you an accurate count right now, I really couldn't.

Q Is it so many or --

A It is plenty of them, yes, yes.

Q Now, if you could, can you tell me a little bit about how a building is constructed and when the asbestos workers get into the building?

A Well, the building is constructed like any other building. It is erected from point A up to B, C, D and up to Z or whatever.

And as they progress with the floors, then