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When considering President Saunders’s sworn testimony below, remember her book, based on her dissertation, entitled “Eastern’s Armageddon, Labor Conflict and the Destruction of Eastern Airlines.” In the preface, she states that “The present analysis is useful for two reasons: 1. The problem of organizational unrest in the United States is growing... 2. Although the concept of conflict as a research issue has become important in organizational studies...the central question of this study is whether the demise of Eastern Airlines was preceded by detectable pattern of communication between pilot groups and management in which the pilots’ attempts to redress grievances and seek change were dealt with in an increasingly cooperative or noncooperative manner.”

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Part 2

Labor Conflict is an Employment Issue

Q. Had you had any special education in human relations or employment issues?

A. No.