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United States Senate
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ROBO: POSTAL RATES
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Dear

The Postal Policy Act approved by Congress in 1958 requires that after allowing for an agreed amount for expenses of the Post Office Department which might properly be charged to public service, the cost of operating the Department must be secured from postal revenues and that rates shall be adjusted to meet expenditures.

Officials of the Department who are experienced in this field seek to adjust rates in all classes to provide additional revenues and to do it as fairly and equitably as possible. On this basis, they have suggested changes in rates for first, second, and third class mail to stay within the historical relationship of first class rates to total revenues and at the same time provide some increase in second and third class rates.

That is the whole story on the new rates suggestions. Whether Congress will approve is quite another matter. Certainly hearings will be held by the proper committees and the whole problem thoroughly explored before any action is taken.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen