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United States Senate
Minority Leader

ROBO: SITUS PICKETING
(Secondary Boycott)
S. 2643
September 7, 1960

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Dear ...:

The proposal to legalize secondary boycotts at a common construction site (sometimes referred to as situs picketing) failed to receive committee approval in the Senate and is dead for this Session. I presume efforts to revive it will doubtless be made in the new Congress which convenes in January.

Amendments to exclude defense installations from the application of a secondary boycott were offered and rejected. As the committee concluded its work an amendment dealing with the featherbedding evil on railroads, utilities, communications and other operations which come under state or federal regulation was pending, but it was not disposed.

Basically the proposal to legalize secondary boycotts in the form in which it was introduced could achieve great harm and had it come before the Senate for action, it is my best judgment that it would not have been approved.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen