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H. J. Res. 355
Railroad merger robo
For and Against
April 27, 1961

United States Senate
Minority Leader

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Dear

Thank you for your comments regarding H.J. Res. 355, a proposal to temporarily suspend the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to approve consolidations, unifications, or acquisitions of control of railroad properties.

This is one of several similar resolutions now pending before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, however, no action has been scheduled as yet by the Committee.

I can appreciate your interest and will be mindful of your views if this should pass the House and come to the Senate during the present session.

Sincerely,

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Reply to our prev. Corr. on

Senate 1197 and S. 1089

May 23, 1961

Dear :

In response to your recent letter, let me ask this simple question. If you were a member of a jury and called on to vote on an important proposition before any formal evidence had been submitted on either side of the case, what would you do?

I am not a member of the Senate Commerce Committee. I have all I can do to take care of my present chores, but I try to keep abreast of the important legislation and in so doing I try also to make sure that I am completely fortified with the facts.

I know of no measure in this Session that has commanded so much public expression and there is a sharp division of opinion as to what these measures would or would not do.

Until it becomes reasonably clear and at least some agreement can be reached as to the impact on the transportation industry in its various aspects, the prudent and I think the only course to pursue is to withhold definite judgment until all of the facts are available.

May I add insofar as the information I have developed is authentic that no action on these measures is likely in the present Session.

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ANTI S. 1197

June 13, 1961

Dear :

As you know, the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has conducted extensive hearings on S. 1197 and S. 1089 and plans to hold additional hearings later in the session.

Although I am not a member of the Committee, you can be sure that this legislation will have good attention when presented to the Senate if it is the Committee's decision to report a bill upon completion of its deliberations.

Let me assure you of my desire to be as helpful as I can in enabling the railroads to carry the load and to meet the competitive challenges.

Sincerely,

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Nickel Plate - Railroad Merger

Nov. 27, 1961

Dear :

When I returned to the Washington office recently for a few days, your communication concerning the proposed merger of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company and New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company was brought to my attention.

While I can well understand your apprehension over the impact such a proposal would have on employment, et cetera, it should be remembered that the Interstate Commerce Commission -- as an independent administrative agency of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government -- exercises full authority in matters of this nature.

Since these particular proceedings have been assigned for continued hearing on December 11, 1961 at the Commission's offices here, I am taking the liberty of forwarding your communication to the appropriate Commission officials so they will have the benefit of your views. You may be assured of my continued interest in this.

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FOR S. 1197

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