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Dear ...:

I am glad to have your communication with respect to the so-called Moody-Dingell bill, which if passed in its present form, would provide that the Federal Government supplement state unemployment compensation benefits by an additional fifty percent of the amount each state pays the unemployed individual and, in addition, provide one hundred percent of any dependency allowance.

The Committee on Finance recently concluded hearings on this proposal, and you may be assured I will be alert to the matter as it moves along for consideration.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
March 1952

Dear ...:

I do appreciate your communication with respect to the so-called Moody-Dingell bill, which is presently pending before the Finance Committee of the Senate.

It represents a considerable departure from the theory first set down in the State-Federal Unemployment Compensation System, and insofar as I can determine from conversations with members of the Senate Finance Committee, this measure if reported at all, would probably be substantially modified.

One of the things which is persuasive is the fact that it puts a very tremendous charge amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars upon a Federal Treasury that is already so badly unbalanced. In addition, there is an implication that it would bring about the ultimate nationalization of our present state-federal system, and I know there would be spirited opposition to such a trend.

You can be assured that I shall examine it carefully and also scrutinize all of the testimony which has been or will be presented to the committee which has jurisdiction of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen