Dear :

I was not clear from your telegram to which Carlson Amendment you referred because he submitted three, two of which were adopted by the committee handling the retirement bill. The first of these was the amendment authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to invest retirement funds in United States securities at average interest rates and the other eliminated the section on social security coverage.

The third Carlson Amendment which was defeated would have permitted optional retirement at age 55 after thirty years of service, with a reduced annuity.

The bill was passed by the Senate and is now before the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen