January 1962

Dear:

I do appreciate receiving your comments regarding the postal rate increase bill (H.R. 7927) which passed the House on January 24, 1962. This is now before the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, however, no action has been scheduled as yet.

I am aware of the widespread interest in the proposal and assure you that every item will have most thorough attention when this bill is presented on the Senate floor.

You will hear from me again when the Senate has taken action on this measure.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Postal Rates
March 6, 1962

Dear:

Hearings are now in progress before the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service on the House-passed bill dealing with postal rates and you can be sure that it will have thorough-going scrutiny both in the Committee and on the Senate Floor to make certain that no injustices are done and no undue burden is placed upon any class of mailers.

I have discussed this with Mr. Harry Maginnis, representing the third class mailers, and also Senator Carlson of Kansas, who is the ranking Minority member on the committee. It will have the most careful attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear Friend:

As you probably know, the Senate approved by a 72 to 3 vote a postal rate increase bill which was much less drastic in its terms than the one passed by the House last January.

I worked closely with Senator Carlson of Kansas and Committee Chairman Johnston in getting a fairer bill.

The House then agreed to the more moderate measure. I feel that the new rate act will provide necessary federal revenues without unduly burdening various users of the mails.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen