Dear:

I appreciate your letter urging my support of the legislation which would provide Federal protection for animals used in laboratory experimentation. A number of bills were introduced in both the House and Senate during the last Session of Congress to deal with the problems in this area. However, none of these measures has been reported, as yet, from the various committees and brought to the full Senate for consideration.

You may be certain that any proposal of this type will have my close and sympathetic attention when it is brought to the Senate Floor during the course of our deliberations.

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

I appreciate your letter urging my support of legislation which would provide Federal protection for animals used in laboratory experimentation. A number of bills were introduced in both the House and Senate during the last session of Congress to deal with this problem, however, the committees handling this legislation have taken no action as yet.

If and when a proposal of this type is presented on the Senate Floor, you can be sure it will have my best attention and I will have your interest in mind during the course of our deliberations.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
United States Senate

ANIMAL LETTERS (EXPERIMENTATION & KIDNAPPING)
April 21, 1966

Dear:

I appreciate your letter urging my support for the legislation dealing with animals used for laboratory experimentation.

The Senate Commerce Committee conducted hearings in March on three proposals which would seek to control the illegal purchase, sale or transportation of these animals and they expect to report a bill for the full Senate's consideration sometime in the near future. The companion legislation in the House, H.R. 13881, has been reported from the House Committee on Agriculture and is now awaiting action from the Full House of Representatives.

Legislation dealing with the treatment of experimental animals in laboratories is currently pending before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. There has been no immediate action scheduled by either Committee for the near future, although hearings were held during the last Session of Congress.

You may be certain that any proposals of these types to come to the Senate Floor for consideration will have my close attention, and I will have your interest in mind during the course of our deliberations. It was good to hear from you.

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Dear:

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The Senate Commerce Committee conducted hearings in March on three proposals which would seek to control the illegal purchase, sale or transportation of these animals and they expect to report a bill for the full Senate's consideration sometime before the end of this Session of Congress. House Bill 13851, which passed the House of Representatives on March 28, is currently pending before this Committee, as well.

Legislation dealing with the treatment of experimental animals in laboratories is currently pending before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. There has been no immediate action scheduled by either Committee for the near future, although hearings were held during the last Session of Congress.

I am not a member of any Committee currently weighing this legislation, but you may be certain that any proposals of this type which come to the Senate Floor for consideration will have my close attention, and I will have your interest in mind during the course of our deliberations. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
United States Senate

May 7, 1966

Dear [Name],

Thank you for your comments relating to pending legislation with respect to the treatment of animals for research purposes.

As you probably know by now, H.R. 12481, has passed both House and Senate and is now before a conference committee to work out the differences in House and Senate versions.

This bill relates to the transportation, sale, and handling of dogs and cats for research purposes.

S. 1328 which is concerned with the treatment of animals in laboratories is pending before the Subcommittee on Health of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, however, no action has been scheduled on this proposal.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Everett McKinley Dirksen

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