

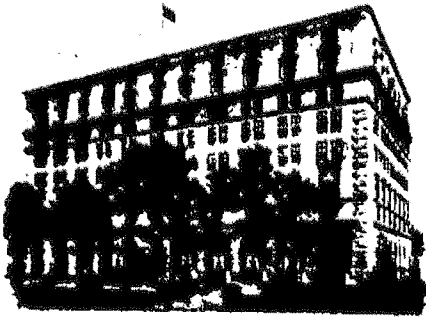
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May 5, 1933.

Dear Jim,

Everything moved on schedule. There was virtually no dissent. The debate was rather dry and much of it off the the point, but the votes were there. When it was all over, Rayburn remarked he did not know whether the bill passed so readily because it was so damned good or so damned incomprehensible.

Moley seems to have no knowledge of the Senate situation. He asked me to speak to Byrnes, who, over the phone, gave me the idea that he knew nothing more of the Senate's plans than when he spoke to you. I am seeing him however in the morning. ~~But~~ He did feel however that Rayburn had fumbled in not moving Fletcher more carefully. Rayburn on the other hand remarked that he



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thought you Roberson would be able
to handle the Senate.

If the situation at the school
is not too "hot", don't hesitate to return
Monday without further word from
me; as it is naturally always helpful
to have you here. Perhaps I can get
some better idea tomorrow of the Senate
situation through Webbich. If Roberson
gets the Senate to take up the House
bill, I don't think we will have
much to worry about, as any very
bad amendments could then be
removed in conference. On the hand
if the Senate takes up Thompson's
bill, there probably will be little we
can do until the conference and
then we will have a tough fight.

I hope you are dreaming of
other things than annuity contracts.

As ever,

Yours

Ben V. C.