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WILLIAM T. BRUST
VICE-PRESIDENT

Honorable Henry F. Ashurst, Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We would like to make known to you as Chairman, and to the other members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, our opinion regarding the O'Mahoney Business Licensing Bill S.10 providing for Federal licensing of businesses operating in interstate commerce. This Bill would burden every corporation operating in interstate commerce with considerable expense and loss of time in order to comply with the many rules and regulations contained in the Bill, and would create confusion and uncertainty among the businesses it would affect.

The wealth and prosperity of the country is dependent to a great extent upon the progress of commerce which can provide prosperity and employment only if it is free from undue governmental restraint. It is our feeling that this Bill, which has been referred to you for consideration, will materially impede the flow of commerce and retard the recovery movement which now seems under way.

Besides, the constitutionality of the proposed Bill appears to be questionable.

We, therefore, hope that after further consideration of the effect of this Bill upon business, you will use your influence to prevent its enactment into law.

Very truly yours,
HAMMERMILL PAPER COMPANY

William T. Brust
Vice-President

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