

Freight Rates

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BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION

C. R. MUSGRAVE  
VICE PRESIDENT

July 26, 1945

Honorable George B. Schwabe  
Member of Congress  
Hunt Building  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

I am glad to have your letter of July 16th in reply to one I wrote you on May 23rd giving you my views on H. R. 2536, the Bulwinkle Bill, and suggesting to you that it would be of interest to your constituents in the State of Oklahoma and the country at large to render your influence to bring about an early passage of this measure.

Your views are quite sound and it is encouraging to know that we have a representative in Congress, from this District, who will, to the best of his ability, analyze and carefully digest any bill which he votes for or against. The large number of bills presented in the House makes it impossible for anyone to determine with any great degree of certainty the effects of the legislation proposed. That is why I took the liberty of writing you about the Bulwinkle Bill, because I felt that my experience in the transportation field qualified me to express an opinion about it.

The Bulwinkle Bill, as you no doubt know, is a result of the anti-trust suit filed by the Department of Justice against the railroads and some of their principle officers alleging violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. This action was taken by the Department of Justice notwithstanding the fact that the railroads, under the Interstate Commerce Act, are regulated by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the making and filing of freight rates. I think the filing of the suit against the railroads was ill-advised on the part of the Department of Justice, but then, in my opinion, a great many things that have been done by the Attorney-General's office in the last few years were improper and inimical to the public welfare.

I do hope it will be possible for me to see you some time while you are in Oklahoma during the Congressional recess and I anticipate that possibility with real pleasure. I know of your's and Joe's friendship as he has said a lot of nice things to me about you.

With best wishes, I am

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Sincerely yours,





August 2, 1945

Mr. C. R. Musgrave  
Vice President  
Phillips Petroleum Company  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 26th addressed to me at Washington in reference to H. R. 2536, the Bulwinkle Bill, was forwarded to me here.

I appreciate tremendously your complimentary remarks about me and I trust that as time goes on I may prove thoroughly worthy of your confidence.

In the meantime, I want you to know that I am anxious to visit with you and discuss this bill and its effect upon the public. In this connection, I might suggest that I shall be in Bartlesville on August 21st, at which time I shall likely be engaged in several conferences. But the primary purpose of my being there then is in response to an invitation from the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Bartlesville to be their guest speaker. I trust you will get in touch with Mr. J. W. Mullen, the President of the Junior Chamber, who will doubtless advise you where I may be contacted while there.

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Very truly yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.