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Mr. Jewell Russell Mann, Attorney
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Dear Mr. Mann:

I have your interesting letter of the 24th instant referring particularly to the "work or fight" bill recently introduced in Congress.

I think this may come up for consideration next week. I have been giving the matter some study, and discussing this measure with several of my colleagues. As yet, I do not know just what may be done, but I am inclined to think that the proposed measure will likely be amended in several respects. The heads of the Army and Navy have been attempting to convince us of the necessity for such legislation. Frankly, I think it is a very serious matter, and deserving of the most careful consideration, which I am attempting to give it. I trust that I may be able to vote in a manner which will not only be pleasing to you and the majority of my constituents, but more especially, for the good of the Nation as a whole.

I am glad you wrote me, and shall appreciate having your views on pending questions at any time.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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Hon. George B. Schwabe, M.C.
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

As you have, no doubt, heard, most everyone here is interested in the "work or fight" legislation. Because of my interest in this legislation I want to let you know my personal feeling regarding this matter.

If the Army and Navy can convince Congress that such legislation is necessary it will, of course, pass and I will have no complaint. However, if such legislation is necessary then certainly Congress can protect those who will be drafted into jobs to the extent that it will not be necessary for them to join unions. In the past it has seemed bad enough that American citizens must pay for the privilege of working at any trade but the thing which will be worse than this will be for our Government to pass a law compelling Americans to pay for the right or privilege of working, by the demands of organized labor that all workers must be union.

In the event of passage of work or fight legislation will you please do all in your power to protect the American people in this respect?

Please give Mrs. Schwabe and Don my best regards, and tell Don that I hope he will be quite happy in his school there.

Sincerely yours,

Jewell Russell Mann