

March 15, 1945

Mrs. Claudie Brown
Route 8, Box 437
Tulsa 15, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant pressing your interest in the "Merchant Marine Bill of Rights, " H. R. 2346. I also received in the same mail this morning a petition signed by a number of others who indicate they are members of the Merchant Marine Mother Club of Tulsa, of which club Mrs. R. L. Jones appears to be president. I have secured a copy of this bill and am studying the provisions of the same.

I appreciate the noble service the men of the Merchant Marine are rendering and that they are entitled to fair and equitable protection. However, there are some serious questions arising in connection with any bill seeking to give them the same rights and privileges as are given the soldiers and sailors under the "G. I. Bill of Rights." One of these considerations is that those in the Merchant Marine service are getting a salary much larger than the pay that is given the other men in the service and that the Merchant Marines at least fare much better while the war is on than their brothers in the fighting forces. There are other questions which suggest there should be differences in benefits. I don't know just what will happen but I am frank to tell you that we must consider the over-all picture and each measure must stand on its own bottom and receive fair consideration. I shall endeavor to do what seems to be right and fair to all parties concerned and use my influence in that direction at all times.

It was nice to have heard from you and I shall be glad to give Barbara your best regards.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

GBS:CMG

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

R. 8 Box 437
Tulsa, Okla.
March 10, 1945

Mrs. George B. Schwabe
Washington D. C.
Dear Mr. Schwabe,

I'm very much interested
in the Merchant Seaman's Bill
of Rights H.R. 2346 I would
appreciate any & all help that you
could give us on this bill.

I feel that our Merchant
Marines are doing a very vital
job in delivering supplies to our
fighting forces everywhere & that
they should have the same pro-
tection & consideration as other
service men.

Thanking you, Mr. Schwabe,
for your help & give my re-
gards to Mrs. Schwabe & Don.

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Claudie Brown

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