

SCHWABE COLL

March 15, 1945

Mr. C. R. Robinson  
1717 East 17th Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am just in receipt of your postal card postmarked March 13, 1945, endorsing the "Merchant Seamen's War Service Act," H. R. 2346. 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 overall 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.

Sincerely yours,

GBS:CMG

George B. Schwabe, M. C.



Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Geo. B. Schwabe  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Would you do  
whatever possible for  
the Merchant Seaman's  
Bill H.R. 2346? I feel  
that the Merchant Marines  
are doing a noble piece  
of work & should be rec-  
ognized in a bill of  
rights as well as any  
other branch of service.

Thanking you for  
my assistance,

Respectfully yours,

C. R. Robinson  
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