

SCHWABE COLL

July 17, 1946

Mrs. O. W. Letson  
4215 East Second Street  
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Re: H.R.2346

My dear Mrs. Letson:

I want to thank you for your letter of the 10th instant referring to the above measure, the Bill of Rights for Merchant Seamen.

I shall be happy to watch the progress of this measure. I don't want to encourage you overmuch, however, for I doubt very seriously if this bill is reached before adjournment; or if reached, if it is passed by both Houses. It is a highly controversial issue, as you are aware, and the present inclination of those with whom I have talked, is not favorable to its passage. Nevertheless, I shall bear in mind your personal views when the matter comes up for consideration in the House, and I trust that I may do that which is right in all that I do in connection with this and other measures, and may merit your continued confidence and respect.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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July 10, 1946

Hon. Geo. B. Schwabe  
Member of House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

HR 2346

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

Just recently the legislation for the post-war rehabilitation of the merchant seamen who rendered wartime service to their country was referred favorably out of committee and same has been placed before the Rules Committee for a place on the calendar. The number of this bill is HR 2346 and it was first introduced early in 1945, so it has been a long time reaching this stage and of course faces another long time, perhaps oblivion, unless it can be put on the floor for a vote. Won't you please do whatever it is possible for you to do to help secure an early place on the calendar for this legislation? You will have the gratitude of quite a few folks right here in Tulsa.

Previous letters to you have already stated the need and justice of this legislation, but let me just remind you once again that it applies to those seamen who gave wartime service to their country and surely some reward other than words will be most welcome.

We do appreciate the fact that you are staying on in Washington and that you have "been on the job" up there, but I know it is impossible to keep up with all pending legislation; hence this letter to tell you to please keep out a watch for the merchant seaman.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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