January 24, 1945

Mr. W. N. Lawrence Leach, Oklahoma

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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant referring to an old age pension bill which you say has been introduced Mr. O. J. Fox, and which you think has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

I am not on that Committee, and no man serving a first term in Congress is permitted a position on the Ways and Means Committee. However, I am very much in favor of working out these old age pension matters in a manner which will be satisfactory to the old people, and I have consistently stated in public and on every occasion on which I have expressed myself on this subject that I favor only two requirements to enable old people to receive such benefits — and those are that they shall have attained the retirement age of sixty or sixty-five years and that they be citizens of the United States. This would do away with the necessity for case workers or snoopers as I prefer to call them, and would not embarrass the old people by requiring them to sign pauper affidavits.

I shall be glad to do anything I can for you in this and other matters, and shall be happy to hear from you at any time offering me suggestions that you think would be of benefit to me; because if I obtain the views of my constituents I shall know better how to represent them.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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