

Old Age Assistance

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September 24, 1945

Mr. Edgar B. Ruysschaert
722 South 49th West Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Ruysschaert:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and appreciate so much your intelligent reasoning and suggestions with reference to Congressman Stewart's Bill, H. R. 1831. I have done everything I could up to date, and shall continue to use every effort possible to assist Mr. Stewart in the passage of his bill, or one as nearly like it as possible.

I have always contended that there should be only two qualifications to entitle a person to Old Age Assistance. First, he should have attained the required age; and second, he must be a citizen of the United States. It does not take a lot of snoopers to find out these two facts; and after they are determined, we do not need any snoopers for any further work.

However, the Administration at Oklahoma City seems to be bent upon having investigators, or snoopers as I call them, in every community, trying to embarrass and befuddle the people and make the older people feel that they are objects of charity or paupers; and I don't like it a bit. All of our Congressional delegation from Oklahoma agreed upon the Stewart Bill except Congressman Monroney of Oklahoma City, who wanted some qualifying clauses in it which would give the politicians a chance to continue as investigators, and they always get a part of the money which should be paid to the old people.

You may rely upon my lending every assistance at my command.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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722 South 49th West Ave.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

September 20, 1945

Honorable George B. Schwabe
102 Old House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Schwabe:

I met Honorable Elmer Thomas on his last visit to Tulsa, and I asked the Senator in regard to Congressman Stewart's bill H. R. 1831. The Senator assured me the bill was coming up soon before Congress.

I feel, Congressman Schwabe, if you congressmen cannot increase the amount of the pension you could agree in letting the pensioners have an equal share of the money on hand each month, whatever that amount would be with the compensation as stated in Congressman Stewart's bill H.R. 1831. \$1,200.00 for man and wife per annum, single beneficiary \$750.00, capital assets for man and wife \$15,000.00, single beneficiary \$10,000.00 would be a great victory for the old pensioners from the way it is now.

You may feel assured, Congressman Schwabe, your name will go down in history for what you do for the old pensioners, and you may also feel assured we will support you any time we have the opportunity to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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