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Mr. Elliot Porter
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Dear Mr. Porter:

Thank you for your telegram urging that I vote to reject the conference committee report on the draft extension legislation.

Although I supported the original Mansfield amendment--as well as all the stronger proposals--the conferees modified the language further. The House of Representatives had earlier refused to accept legislation similar to the Senate amendment, and in fact specifically refused to direct the House conferees to support retention of the Mansfield amendment.

The Senate conferees legitimately attempted to obtain a more suitable agreement. In fact, the impasse lasted for more than two months. Under the bicameral legislative system, the conferees must be allowed to reach compromises which are not completely pleasing to one side or the other.

Although I personally believed the Mansfield language should have been retained, I agreed with the majority of my colleagues who originally supported it that the conference report must reluctantly be accepted.

Sincerely yours,


Clinton P. Anderson

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