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The Hon. Carl B. Albert.

Dear Sir:

First off sir I would invoke Gods blessings upon you, your family, and by the time you get this your new job as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir as you well know, we here at Kome in studying the Bills that come up for passage are usually so complicated, and written in such a way, that the average person like my self, probably do not know if they are fore the good of the country or not. And sometimes I doubt that all the people who must vote on these complicated issues really understand them completely.

I have reference Mr. Albert to the "social security" Bill now being considered:

Mr. Albert I would like to offer a suggestion that probably has been hashed over since the beginning of our country! It seems to me that you people who must vote on major issues, subject your selves to so much, unnecessary criticism by allowing riders, amendments and all kinds of trivia, along with a lot of pet projects of some Congressmen and Senators. To be attached to Bills that is so vital to this country: seems like you people seem to just "rider" a bill to death rather than stand up and say this bill isn't feasible for my country: Sounds simple to me Mr. Albert, however I know that it isn't that simple. But it does seem to me Mr. Albert that a major bill should stand or fall on its own merit, and not be belabored with a mess of amendments.

If the bill isn't correct send it back and have it rewritten and not start amending it before it is born.

Happy New Year to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Cecil M. Martin