

I have had the honor of representing you in the Congress of the United States, for the past six years. I am again seeking your support in my campaign for reelection to the National House of Representatives.

I dislike very much prating about my personal qualifications for this high office. However, I believe sincerely that you have a right to know just what is my conception of my duties as your Representative in Washington.

My first desire has always been to serve you in every way possible.

Whenever I have been called upon to perform the functions which go with my official duties I have been ready and willing to exert myself in order to accomplish the end sought by my constituents, whether it involved attending the debates in the House of Representatives, interceding before Committees of the House and Senate, or appearing before officers of Government agencies for some benefit to an individual constituent - or for some tangible benefit to my state.

A Congressman has many important duties in addition to voting on specific items of legislation. He must attend committee meetings. He must be familiar with the workings of the various government agencies. He must be prepared to ~~handle~~ attend intelligently to the needs of his constituents whenever they become involved with their Federal Government.

Soon after my election to Congress as your Representative I was chosen a member of the House Committee on Naval Affairs. This committee is classified as a Major Committee. Its work is concerned with legislative matters which affect the affairs of our great Navy. As a member of that Committee I have become intimate with the operations and requirements of the Navy. I am extremely interested in our Navy because I believe it is our greatest bulwark in the protection of our homeland. I have never hesitated to ~~go~~ do whatever I felt was necessary - or go wherever I felt I should - in the interests of the men of the Navy.



Quite naturally, I think, my particular concern has been with the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point. As your Representative I have been able to play a major role in the proper development of this great Base. It is the finest Naval Air Station on the Atlantic Coast. I am determined to do all in my power to see it developed so that it will become one of the glories of our State.

Members of Congress from other states have ambitions for their own people. I don't blame them -but I do believe Rhode Island must have diligent and experienced members of Congress in order to protect our own interests.

With six years service on the House of Representatives I have gained considerable seniority. This permits me to occupy a position of some importance in the Federal Legislature., and to exercise considerable influence with Administrative Agencies. This seniority you have created and I honestly believe it should be devoted to your service.

With the passing of time, a Representative, through experience gained and seniority acquired, becomes important to the people of his District. I believe sincerely that I shall be able to do more for the Second Congressional District during the next two years because of this standing I have acquired at your hands. No matter how willing or ambitious a new Member of Congress may be, it takes time to learn the ropes. With the great emphasis which will be laid on Domestic matters during the next two years, Rhode Island cannot afford to be marking time. We have too many things at stake in the development and expansion of our State.

I entertain a firm conviction that no people can be idle in the protection of their economic and social positions. I believe sincerely that we must be moving forward in the developing of greater ~~gains~~ social progress, or we will suffer a reverse of the program upon which we embarked in 1932. We cannot have a static economy. We must make progress or suffer the loss of some or all the gains we have achieved. I promise you I shall be diligent in my efforts to be of real service to you.