03 JANUARY 1994

DEAR MR. LAMB,

AS I DID NOT GET THROUGH ONCE IN 1993, I WRITE TO ATTEMPT TO GET AN IDEA EXPOSED ON ONE OF YOUR C-SPAN PROGRAMS, PREFERABLY WHEN YOU ARE HANDLING THE CHAIR AND THE PRESS PEOPLE CONSTITUTE THE PANEL.

I HAVE SUGGESTED THIS TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO MY CONGRESSMAN, AL MCCANDLESS [R-CA 44TH]

1. AS LONG AS SENATE AND HOUSE MEMBERS AND THEIR [SENIOR] STAFF ARE PAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THEY WILL NEVER TRULY BE RESPONSIBLE TO THEIR HOME STATES OR DISTRICTS.

2. THEIR PAY, EXPENSES, OFFICE COSTS, TRAVEL, PER DIEM, AND THAT OF THEIR SENIOR STAFF [NON-CIVIL SERVICE] SHOULD BE PAID BY THE STATE [SENATORS] AND DISTRICTS SUCH AS COUNTIES, CITIES AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS [REPRESENTATIVES].

3. IT IS THE ONLY WAY, IN MY VIEW, THAT WE CAN GET THE ARM ON THESE PEOPLE AND FORCE THEM TO PERFORM IN PARALLEL WITH LOCAL WISHES. IF SPEAKER O'NEILL SAID THAT ALL "POLITICS ARE LOCAL", THEN LOCAL CONTROL OF ELECTED POLITICIANS' PAY AND BUDGETS IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAINING ANY SEMBLANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTITUENT NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS.

4. HAVING WORKED IN BUSINESS FROM 1946 THROUGH 1989, I NEVER EXPERIENCED, EVEN WHEN HEAD OF MY OWN COMPANY, A SITUATION WHERE I COULD DECIDE HOW MUCH I'D BE PAID AND WHAT PERQS WOULD BE ALLOWED. WHY SHOULD THE 535 INDIVIDUALS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE AND THEIR THOUSANDS (?) OF HELPERS BE ANY DIFFERENT?

HERE AT OUR HOUSE IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT, C-SPAN CONTINUES THE #1 RATING & SHARE CHANNEL.

WITH DEEP RESPECT FOR YOUR WORK AND BEST REGARDS FOR A SUCCESSFUL 1994,

CORDIALLY,

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