

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Friend:

For some time I have been making a study of the tendencies and trend of our Government, and, on March 19, I reported some of my findings and conclusions in a speech made in the House of Representatives and, for your information, I am enclosing a copy of my remarks herewith.

If you can find time to read my remarks, you will be surprised, I think, to know of some of the dangers confronting our Government and our people.

Charges are being made as follows:

Bureaucracy, which means bureaus, boards and commissions, now controls the Government.

Taxes are increasing faster than population or wealth, and, unless checked, will soon be unbearable.

Agriculture has been overlooked and neglected, and is now nearing bankruptcy.

The foregoing tendencies, unless remedied, will soon bring about the downfall of our Government, and I am appealing to you to become interested and to demand of your State and National representatives that they stop creating additional bureaus, boards and commissions, and to abolish all such existing departments which are found to be useless and unnecessary. Only through such a policy can the present high taxation be reduced.

Congress is now considering relief for the farmer. Agriculture can be helped only by being granted the same favorable status now enjoyed by finance, transportation and industry. I favor such relief, but opposition comes from the Industrial East. However, the fight must not stop until we have won. My speech sets out these dangerous tendencies and proposes a remedy.

I would be pleased to have your criticisms, suggestions and advice.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this work, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Elmer Thomas

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