

August 29, 1944.

Mr. Ralph E. Flanders, President,  
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston,  
Boston 6, Massachusetts.

Dear Ralph:

Replying to your letter of August 26, I think the newspapers erroneously reported Senator Taft's position on the 13b legislation. In the hearing before the Senate Committee he indicated that he was in favor of the proposed bill with the amendments I suggested, except that he desired the legislation to terminate on December 31, 1947, instead of December 31, 1949, as I proposed. I told him there was no objection to the earlier date. I cannot understand how the press got the idea, at least from the hearings, that Taft was opposed.

Sincerely yours,

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RALPH E. FLANDERS  
PRESIDENT

August 26, 1944.

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles,  
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Marriner:

I was amazed to read in this morning's paper that Senator Taft had opposed the new 13(b) plan, if that is what you call it. The ideas which he expressed when I was talking with him in the office shortly before the attendance at the Committee meeting indicated that he preferred it to direct Government loans and was sympathetic with it from that standpoint.

Sincerely yours,

  
President.

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