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January 29, 1948

Hon. Wm. E. Jenner
U. S. Senate

Dear Senator Jenner:

You will recall that H.R. 29, an act making unlawful the requirement for payment of poll tax as a prerequisite to voting at a primary or other election of national officers, was referred to a subcommittee of which you are the chairman and Senators Bricker and Myers are members, on January 28, 1948.

This is to advise you that I would like to be heard in opposition to this proposed measure, and if and when your subcommittee gets around to a consideration of it, I shall appreciate being notified in advance in time for final preparation thereon myself and also in time to communicate with other interested parties sufficiently in advance to allow them time to prepare themselves and be present before your subcommittee.

Thanking you for your consideration, and with personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

February 10, 1948

Honorable C. Wayland Brooks
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Brooks:

As Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, you recently referred the so-called Anti-Poll Tax Bill to a subcommittee composed of Senators Jenner, Bricker, and Myers.

I have conferred with Senator Jenner about this bill, indicating that I wanted to be heard thereon and to have a chance also to present witnesses in the event the subcommittee took up this bill for consideration. Senator Jenner later told me that the subcommittee had not met, but that before the bill was disposed of by subcommittee he would confer with me further.

The opposition to this bill comes mostly from the South, and I find that this area is not represented on this subcommittee. I think each member of the subcommittee is inclined to support the bill, and if this is true there is no one on this committee to represent the opposition viewpoint. I have looked over the list of the membership of the Rules Committee with a view to asking you to appoint some member of the Committee from the South on this subcommittee, but find that I am the only member of the Committee from the South.

Under these circumstances, even though it may be unusual, I am requesting you to appoint me as a member of this subcommittee, so that the opponents of the bill will have representation thereon. I appreciate the fact that if you should grant this request you might feel that another member of the majority party should also be added to this committee, and this would of course be entirely satisfactory with me.

I had intended to discuss this with you in person, but matters have arisen requiring a trip to Mississippi which will take several days, and I therefore am resorting to this letter.

Thanking you for your consideration and for your usual courteous treatment, I am

Sincerely yours,

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February 24, 1948

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Hon. John C. Stennis
444 Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

The Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections will hold an executive meeting on Friday, February 27, 1948, at 11:00 A.M. in room 104-B, Senate Office Building, to consider H. R. 29, a bill to abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in federal elections.

As I agreed in our recent conversation, you are invited to be present at this meeting of the Subcommittee to present your views on the subject.

Sincerely yours,



William E. Jenner, Chairman
Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections

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Sen. Bricker Ohio
Sen. Meyers, Pa.