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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, Mr. Grubbs, July 30-August 10, 1948

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Read it on the floor of the Senate*

Hon. John C. Stennis, U.S.S.  
Washington, D.C.

*J. E. Grubbs*  
Mendenhall, Miss. 33,  
July, 30, 1948,  
*Waller*

Dear Senator;

I am Proud that we still have some men like you Mr Eastland and other that has the courage to stand up and fight to preserve our constitution, and to keep our freedom that we as States and people have under our great constitution, but it makes me hang my head in shame to see a man who has been honored with the greatest honor that we as free people can give any man here in this great Country of our, do so much to stir up race hatred and trouble trying to hold some personal power.

The fathers of our Country when they were writing the great constitution of our realized that as times changed that there probly would be those who would want to change it from time to time, and maby that it would kneed changing, so they provided legal ways to change the constitution by constitutional amendments, this is good and there has been several amendments added to the constitution that has proven good and we still have them, one of not more was repealed, this was the 18th amendment, this is the legal way to do things.

We have a few that would destroy our constitution and our way of life and they do not care just how they do this, we have other that would destroy part of our constitution that they might gain some personal power or to keep some office that they now hold, under our constitution we have Three separte branches of government, Legislative, Judicial and Executive department, these Three branches was to work together but one not having power over the other each branch has certain powers and duties to perform and could do only such things as the constitution set out for them to do.

Under the constitutin the President can recommend such things as he see fit and wants to be passed into law, the Legislature is the only ones that has the power to pass any law, and they must be within our constitution, after any law is passed anyone has the right to carry them before the judical department to see if they are constitutional, the supreme court has this to say, and no one has the right to over ride their decisions, but the people and this must be done by an constitutional amendment to the constitution.

As you remember we had a man at the head of the executive department who ask the legislature to pass some laws, several years ago, and they was passed into law but the supreme court declared them unconstitutional and for some reason this man was not satisfied with staying within our constitution but tried and maby finialy did pack the supreme Court in order that the executive department could hold power over the Judicial department which is contrary to our constitution, this was and is a dangerous thing to do, for if one brance of our government can gain control of the other Two branches of our government they could set up a ditatership, and we have feught a war with some dictators, and might have to fight another one in the future, we are having to fight on Two fronts, One against Russia, and the other one is right here in our Country. I think there is more danger in the one we are fighting here at home, There is not any american that want a foreign man for a dictator, but we have a few men here in our Country that would like to be a dictator, Russia is in the open the most of us realizes what she wants, but the ones we have here they do not show their hand, but they are crying crocodile tears over the plight of the negre or anything that they think will get them a few votes, they are willing to tear down our constitution by passing unconstitutional laws such as the so called civil right program for poloticial gains.

No one is given any civil right under these laws, but ever one are having some of their civil rights taken away from them, no State are being any civil right but they would loose some of their rights under these laws, not just the southern States and people but All States and all people would loose many of their civil rights under these laws, it might hurt the South more at first but it would mean the same to all part of the Country in the end.

The poll tax is not a tax against the negre or any race, but ever man or woman that vote pays this tax, this is the States right under our constitutional, and this right for each State to set up the qualifications for their veter has been reconized since the birth of this great Country of our, and are still reconized by a great majority of the people, there is just a few that are trying to change this, if they really want to change this why not do it in a legal way, by passing it as a constitutional amendment? I think I know why they know

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that this can not be done, they know that a big majority does not want these laws, they know that they would not be good for the people of this country, but they are by trying to pass these laws trying to stay in office, they are despoit, they know the thinking voter will not vote for them so they are trying to get the votes that does not think, they know that they will be defeated at the polls in November, and they are not men enough to admit their defeat and take it like a man, but they would like to drag the Country down with their defeat, but I thank God that we have men who will stand up and fight for our constitution and our Country.

The so called civil right program if passed into law would cause the same condition and problems throughout this Country that we of the South was faced with after the civil war, The only difference would be that the South at that time was ~~was~~ exhausted and now we are strong we find a way to rid our selves of that evil and we can find a way to rid our selves of this evil if necessary, it will not be just a fight in the South this time but it will be North, South, East and West, will not have our rights taken away from us without a fight, we people of the South realizes what it would mean to have these passed into law, the people of the North, East and west would soon find out, and they are good people and they would not stand for these unconstitutional laws anymore than we Southern people would, you could not enforce them with the army, and if these laws was passed and enforced there would be much rejoycing in Russia for it would create here in this Country the condition that Russia would like to see, it would cause so much bloodshed and confusion that she might be able to take our Country over with out to much trouble.

As much as I dislike Henry Wallace, we have to admit that he is honest in some things, he openly welcomes the communist support in his race for president, he tell us he would give Russia what she wants, he openly associates with the negroes, (~~wonder why if some of our officers~~ loves the negro likes he says he does he has a Daughter why not let her marry a negro?) I have never heard of him working a negro on his staff or cabinet, wonder why this is true?

Under the F.E.P.C. People would be compelled to work a certain percent of negroes, if this is a good law, and if it is good for one it is good for another job, this man can prove he is honest in wanting to see a negro hold a job against some one wishes, he has a chance yet to prove this. Since the beginning of our Country there has never been a negro president or vice president, now if his percent of having negroes on some private job it is good in this job, he is at this time president and he is running for this office again, so why not let him withdraw from the race and say it is time for a negro to have this job that I am asking for so I am withdrawing and I am going to vote for a negro and try to elect him to be president, or he could at least say give me a negro for a running mate let us elect a negro as vice president for it is time under the F.E.P.C. which is my baby so let us elect one. this may be unconstitutional but he should not care for he does not seem to care much for the constitutional when it is in his way, I do not believe that there is ONE white man would vote for a negro for president and I do not believe that any negro could be elected president but I do believe that almost any negro would get as many votes as this man will get in November.

I want to say again thank God for men like you who will stand up and fight for that which is right, but I hang my head in shame to think that a man who held the highest office of this Country or any other Country will stoop as low and play politics with this high office as Mr Truman is playing now, I believe that you should impeach him for calling this session of congress, The people will kick him out in November, it will not surprise me if he runs Fourth or tails the ticket in November.

Keep the fight up, I believe we will win with the help of God.

Sincerely Yours,

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August 10, 1948

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Mendenhall, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Grubbs:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 30th. I have read with a great deal of interest your approach to the grave problems before us and have made your letter a part of our file on these matters.

Your kind comments on my activities in the Senate are deeply appreciated and will be a source of encouragement to me in our continued fight for our Southern way of life. Of course these so-called Civil Rights measures will be with us again in January but at least we are thankful for our present victory.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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