Suppose we pass a lot of laws. Do we get praised? Certainly not. We then get denounced by everybody for being a “Meddlesome Congress” and for being a “Busybody Congress.” Is it not so?

But suppose we take warning from that experience. Suppose that in our succeeding session we pass only a few laws. Are we any better off? Certainly not. Then everybody . . . denounces us for being an “Incompetent Congress” and a “Do-Nothing Congress.”

We have no escape – absolutely none. We have no chance – just absolutely no chance. The only way for a Congressman to be happy is to realize that he has no chance.


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