

JOHN DOWDY  
Member of Congress  
Washington D. C.

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Dear friends:

As your congressman, I am again asking your opinion and advice on some of the issues that will be coming before Congress in the near future. Your answers to previous questionnaires have been greatly appreciated, and your replies in this instance will be of material aid to me in giving you the representation you desire when these issues come up for vote.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation, and for the wonderful support you have given me in my efforts to serve you. I hope you will always feel free to give me the benefit of your ideas about any and all legislative issues on the national level.

Wishing for you and yours a Happy and Prosperous 1965, I am

Your Congressman,

*John Dowdy*

Please write your answer, "yes" or "no". If you have no opinion on a particular issue, just leave it blank.

1. Should Federal expenditures during a fiscal year be limited to the federal revenue for that period? yes
2. Do you favor a further increase of the national debt, beyond the present limit of \$324 billion? no
3. Should federal excise taxes be reduced? -----
4. Do you favor the Right-to-Work laws? yes
5. Should labor unions be brought under the Anti-trust laws? yes
6. Do you favor federal aid to public, private and church schools? public if the States are not able to finance them (only)
7. Do you favor the Medicare proposal for partial hospital care under Social Security, to be financed by increased Social Security taxes? Medicare care should not be.
8. Do you favor amending the Immigration Act to abolish nationality quotas, eliminate responsibility provisions, and increase the total number of immigrants coming into the United States? no
9. Do you favor authorizing additional money for foreign aid? no
10. Do you favor continuing foreign aid to Nasser, Sukarno, and other dictators who insult us, and destroy our property? no
11. Should the United States remain in the United Nations? yes
12. Should Russia be permitted to vote in the U.N. without paying its dues? no
13. Should the United States expand its military operations in Viet Nam? I do not know
14. Do you favor amending the Constitution to permit voluntary prayer recitation and Bible reading in public schools? yes
15. Should a high speed transportation system between Washington and Boston be built with federal tax money? no

If either your name or address is incorrect on the envelope in which this came, please return the envelope herewith, in order that I may correct your address to that which you show below.

Mr./Mrs./Miss [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City: Willis Tex

PLEASE RETURN TO: CONGRESSMAN JOHN DOWDY, HOUSE OFFICE BLDG., WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Millie, Texas  
April 2, 1965

Congressman Dowdy:

Dear Sir:

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[Transcription of "Letter from [REDACTED] with Questionnaire and Reply"]

Willis, Texas

April 2, 1965

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

LEGISLATION - VOTING

*Johnson*

April 5, 1965

Mrs. C.G. Johnson  
Box 686  
Willis, Texas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and your comments on the back.

Our views are in complete accord regarding the need for civic responsibility; however, that appears to be lost in the press for additional civil rights.

I heartily agree that if the agitators were sent to Viet Nam, or other foreign countries, they would be very glad to get back to this country. The trouble is that they have no intention of going as it appears to be more profitable to lead marches and incite their brethren, and others who should know better, to riot.

I appreciate your interest, and hope that you will call on me at any time that I can be of any service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

JOHN DOWDY, M.C.

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