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Mr. Amon G. Carter
Star-Telegram Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

On Monday, June 5th, after approval by the House Committee on the Library of the resolution authorizing the Government's acceptance of the President's gift, Congressman Kent E. Keller moved for a suspension of rules in order to obtain immediate consideration by the United States House of Representatives instead of waiting for a date to be set by the House Rules Committee. A vote was taken upon the motion which indicated there were 229 members for suspension and 139 opposed. Since the 229 voting in favor of the motion did not constitute a two-thirds majority, as required by the House Rules, the motion was defeated.


On June 6th, the Rules Committee was asked to fix a date when the bill itself may be presented directly, and at that time only a simple majority will be necessary to pass the bill. It appears from the vote on the suspension of the rules that there will be a large majority in favor of the bill.

We are passing this information on to you, because of the fact that certain news stories concerning the action of the House were misleading in that it appeared that the resolution was disapproved by the House. This is not so, as the only House vote was on the suspension of the two-thirds rule. Also it is to be noted that some Republicans voted for the motion to suspend the rule and that an inaccuracy exists in any news stories implying that the vote was strictly along party lines. The desire of the members that the rule be enforced merely blocked consideration of the bill until reported out by the Rules Committee.

With appreciation of your assistance and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY, INC.



Frank C. Walker, Treasurer.

