

UNITED STATES SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON  
STANDARDS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Hyde Park, Vermont, Nov. 16, 1910.

My dear Senator:-

Please accept my tardy congratulations on your success and believe me exceedingly pleased thereat. In looking over the list of our brother Senators who are going to drop out of the 62nd Congress, I am especially impressed with the fact that you must come mighty near the leadership of the conservative wing of our party in the Senate. Flint, Bulkeley, Beveridge, Hale, Burrows, Warner, Burkett, Kean, Depew, Dick, Aldrich, Piles, Scott and possibly Lodge will be absent from our Senate after the 4th of March, 1911.

I am sure you know how highly I regard you as a level headed, conservative and able Senator and had you been carried down to defeat under the general landslide, I should have felt it a distinct personal loss.

Take good care of your health, remembering how heavy the burden that will fall upon your shoulders in view of the retirement of so many of the old wheel horses who have given direction to our fights when the battle was on. Really, my dear Sutherland, we are going to feel the lack of their leadership more, I fear, than we now imagine.

Personally, I have been especially honored, as you may have learned. We have in Vermont no preliminary vote which binds a Democrat to vote for a Republican, but notwithstanding that fact I received the vote of every Democratic member of our Legislature, an honor which has, so far as I can recall, never before been given to any Senator from Vermont.

I cannot tell you how this action on the part of my Democratic friends in Vermont has seemed to burden me. They have manifested a confidence in me that it seems to me compels me to regard myself more as a Senator of the United States than as a Republican Senator from Vermont.

I suppose I shall act upon the supposition that "he serves his party best who serves his country best" and I hope that in this line of action I may find my brother Senators, regardless of political affiliations, in harmonious agreement.

I hope that you will come back to the Senate rejuvenated and refreshed by your summer's vacation.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Sutherland and yourself and wishing you both a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity, I am

Sincerely yours,

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