

BARNETT, BUGG, LEE & JONES

MONROEVILLE, ALA.

October 16th., 1934.

Hon. R. H. Walker,
Athens, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Walker:-

Yours of 12th. inst. received and read with much interest.

As I had previously advised you, before your announcement I was committed to the support of our friend Sparks, and I always remain true to my promises. I realize, however, that in the possible event things were to shape themselves so that he were to release his friends then I would be free to support another. In that event I shall be open to support whoever might at that time seem to be the best man for the job.

I am frank to say, however, that I shall certainly want to know the attitude of any man I support for Speaker on the question of economy and business management in the conduct of the business of the House of Representatives. I don't want a repetition of the long list of useless employees, and I want to see the business conducted along legitimate lines and without stalling and dragging along.

Of course I know that the Speaker cannot manage these things in their entirety; but the attitude and personality of the man selected for that position will have a considerable bearing on what we have in ~~the~~ that respect.

I am for re-apportionment, but I want to see it accomplished by reducing the membership of the House to a more workable number. That would be a step toward real accomplishment for the public interest.

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Yours very truly,

