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EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
HON. MIKE MANSFIELD
OF MONTANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 16, 1949
Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I have before me two form letters which puzzle me somewhat.
One has the heading "Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc." and is signed DeWitt Emery, president, "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty."
The other letter has the heading "National Small Business Men's Association, Inc." and is also signed. DeWitt Emery, president, "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty."
What puzzles me is: What is this Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc.? And what is the National Small Business Men's Association, Inc.? Last but not least: Who is this "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty?"
Now I look again at the letter from the Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc., and its lists, as officers and directors, DeWitt Emery, E. N. Calhoun, A. F. Matthews, W. J. Boos, J. Raymond Tiffany, L. M. Evans, and Dr. Alfred P. Haake. I then turn my head and look at the letter from the National Small Business Men's Association, Inc., and find the very same names listed, this time designated as trustees, and also supplemented by two or three additional names. Accordingly, I am more puzzled than ever about Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty, DeWitt Emery, who signs both letters.
The letter No. 1, from the Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc., is a solicitation for contributors. It reads, in part:
Of course, all of us like to know the company we are keeping, so I thought it would be helpful in your case to attach a cross-section list of the better-known companies who have currently subscribed up to the acceptable $2,500 maximum.

I then take a look at the list of friends of small business and I find such names as Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and the United States Steel Corp. I then look at the second paragraph of the letter:
All of the men leaders in industry who have been asked their opinion as to the effectiveness of our grass-roots approach to the problem of explaining to workers the advantages of our free competitive system of business, quickly concede that this program, originating with the representative small business group, is most likely to accomplish the desired result—i.e., public understanding.
I want to emphasize the phrase used in the letter "the representative small business group:" The word "the" is underlined right in the letter.
Apparently these big business corporations are a substantial force behind this so-called representative small-business group enmeshed in explaining to workers the facts of American life.
I now turn again to letter No. 2, from the National Small Business Men's Association, Inc. This is also a letter of solicitation, this time for a check of $18 in payment of "your first year's dues" in the association. It encloses a reprint of a full page advertisement run by the association in various newspapers in support of the Taft-Hartley Act. This advertisement is also signed DeWitt Emery, president, but this time without the surname "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty."
By this time I have found out something about the Small Business Economic Foundation and about the National Small Business Men's Association, Inc., but have not quite placed Mr. DeWitt Emery. I look at this printed stationery again, and finally I find it: DeWitt Emery, Monroe Letterhead Corp., Akron, Ohio.