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## Davis-Bacon Act, Letter to Senator Williams from Senator Mansfield

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Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C. 20510

March 19, 1971

The Honorable Harrison A. Williams, Jr.  
Chairman  
Labor and Public Welfare Committee

Dear Chairman Williams:

As I am sure you are aware, the President's action in suspending the Davis-Bacon Act, as it applies to the construction industry has generated a great deal of confusion and concern within the building and construction industry. This action affects the one industry which is more prominently affected by the seasonal working periods and sporadic employment. These employees are dependent upon substantial salaries in order to provide for a full year, during which they may not have continuous employment.

I was somewhat concerned with the President's decision, in view of the fact that the Congress has given him the authority to take what I consider to be a far more desirable step in combating inflation and holding down wages and price increases. It is apparent the President does not seek to use this authority and I would appreciate having your observations as to what Congress might now do. As Chairman of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee, your early involvement in this matter would be most useful. Your advice and council would be most helpful to the people of Montana and the Nation.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

