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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Nov. 29.—The problem of the wage earner would be simplified by remembering he works not for money but for goods and services. Wages come out of production. The employer cannot get them permanently out of any other source. Wages are raised or lowered with production.

Suppose all of us worked to build and maintain our own house and each room represented one day's work each week. A six-day week supplies a six-room house and five days supply five rooms.

If everybody immediately went on a five-day week with no decrease in the weekly money wage everybody would soon find the pay for a week would give only five rooms. The cost of the goods and services necessary to produce the rooms would increase as much as the work decreased. A national five-day week with or without reduction of pay would leave everybody practically with five rooms instead of six. If we are not content with the six-room standard we cannot get more by decreasing hours but by working more or by using machinery that increases production. The five-day week for every one is ultimately a question of living on a five or six room standard.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 1.—One of the hardest problems the Congress has to meet is the constant pressure of outside influences. The old lobby that was so frequently charged with vicious activity practically has disappeared. But the organized minorities of special interests with agents and publicity bureaus for creating an artificial appearance of public opinion and showering Senators and Representatives with letters and telegrams has grown to huge proportions. It is a species of supegovernment undertaking to exercise sovereignty without any duly constituted authority or public responsibility. In consequence the Congress is put under duress. Almost all these organizations seek an expenditure of the taxpayer's money.

Every interest has a right to organize and be heard. But the right to Congressional action depends on the relation of the request to the welfare of all the people. If the Congress could be let alone, if it could be free to form its own judgments on what it knows are the realities instead of being forced to surrender to the artificial, much time and money would be saved and much better legislation would result. The Congressmen are the legal representatives of the people. No other agency can claim exclusive right to speak in the name of the people.

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