Some of the funniest writing of our time is being done by Senators who evidently intend to vote for the Oil Lobby instead of their Home States. When their constituents demand an explanation, they receive in return some classic weasel-wording. Many a reply, but never an answer.

Senator John Bricker of Ohio tells his constituents..."In the Eighty Second Congress it was proposed to assign the royalties from offshore oil to the States for education. But at that time it was estimated," says Bricker, "that it would amount to about a dollar per year per pupil." The actual figure, which Senator Bricker could easily have obtained, was thirty dollars per year per pupil for every schoolchild in every school in the State of Ohio. More than two and a half billion dollars for this State alone! Mr. Bricker, however, says the figure was one dollar; and Senator Bricker even refused to vote for that.

Hundreds of letters from citizens all over the nation are pouring into the White House these days urging the President to reverse his stand and save offshore oil for its rightful owners...The citizens of the Forty Eight States! Those letters are being sent over to another government agency where the girls work nights trying to answer them. They're working tonight on them, as a matter of fact.

The Harmony Club of Chicago wrote to G.O.P. Senator Dirksen, asking him to vote for the school kids instead of the Oil Lobby on the offshore oil program. Senator Dirksen replied that suggesting the use of offshore oil for America's schools confuses the issue. "The Federal Government," says Senator Dirksen, "cannot dispose of something which it does not own." Perhaps somebody should remind Senator Dirksen that the American people can read; and among other things, they can read the Supreme Court decision which have repeatedly held that the Federal Government owns the offshore lands. And the Supreme Court is a pretty good authority, even for Senators.