I strongly request that you vote to defeat H.R. 4552, the Lucas bill to amend the Defense Production Act. The Lucas bill would destroy effective tri-partite administration of wage stabilization and would prevent the wage stabilization board from even recommending settlements in disputes between labor and management affecting the national defense program.

This is a spite bill. It is devoid of realistic understanding of labor-management problems or of the need for establishing effective methods of voluntary cooperation in American industry during this national emergency.

The Lucas bill represents a surrender to the extremist views of the national association of manufacturers which seeks to derive special advantages for big business out of the nation’s emergency.

The Lucas bill’s provision giving public group on wage stabilization board outright majority strength would weaken that agency’s ability to serve the public as well as labor and industry.

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SUCH A REORGANIZATION OF THE WAGE STABILIZATION BOARD WOULD IGNORE THE EXPERIENCE OF WORLD WARS I AND II. DESTRUCTION OF LABOR'S RIGHT TO EQUALITY ON WAGE BOARD WOULD RESULT IN A LABOR POLICY BY FIAT RATHER THAN BY TIME-TESTED METHODS OF VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AMONG LABOR, MANAGEMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

THE PROVISION TO PREVENT THE WAGE STABILIZATION BOARD FROM RECOMMENDING SETTLEMENTS OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES IGNORES THE NEED FOR MAINTAINING FULL PRODUCTION AND CLOSES THE GATE ON TRADITIONAL VOLUNTARY MEDIATION OF DISPUTES.

CONGRESS IN PASSING SUCH A BILL WOULD JEOPARDIZE NATIONAL DEFENSE PRODUCTION EFFORT AND PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE STRIKES RATHER THAN FEWER. FOR THESE REASONS STRONGLY ADVOCATE VOTE AGAINST THE ILL-CONSIDERED LUCAS BILL.

PHILIP MURRAY  PRESIDENT  CIO.