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Dear Mr. Allen:

I received your letter of July 20th in the due course of mail but delayed answering as I wished to have something definite to give you.

Our Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to draft some proposed legislation, Si Lamb being chairman of the committee. We finally had a meeting the other day and Si has sent me a proposed bill.

In some states, there is a comparatively simple law which leaves the matter of organization, etc., entirely up to the local cities and school districts. In other states, the legislature has set out in great detail the method of operation of the Commission. You will note from the bill proposed by Si, a copy of which is enclosed, that we are inclined to follow the school that leaves the matter of details up to the local governmental units.

The committee is going to meet Sunday and try and get the bill in final form.

In going over this proposal hurriedly this morning, the following thoughts come to my mind:

(1) The bill should be effective upon publication in the State Paper rather than in the Statute Book, in order that a tax could be levied the following year.

(2) The commission should probably have express authority to accept gifts of money or property.

(3) It might be advisable to stipulate the manner in which the Board of Education and City Commission would get together and how differences between the two boards would be finally reconciled.

(4) Because of our cash basis and budget