

I am dealing today with Constitutional power, and I have taken taxation merely as an example.

But, in passing, I wish to say one word, which has to do with taxation not from the standpoint of power; but from the standpoint of what the Congress, within its powers, ought to do.

For economic reasons, the tax on capital gains should be repealed! It has been a continuing preventative of business transactions. It has greatly retarded Recovery. It was mainly responsible for the pyramiding of values and collapse of 1929. If and when Recovery is fully achieved, it is calculated, by its economic nature, to destroy Recovery by bringing about a new pyramiding and a new collapse.

The New York State Bar Association in January adopted a resolution for an appropriate amendment of this law.

I know of no single amendment of statute that would do more to benefit the people.