Reading Number 60
from *The Semisovereign People*
by E. E. Schattschneider

p. 414, ¶ 4—“Two modest reservations might be made merely to test group dogma. We might clarify our ideas if (1) we explore more fully the possibility of making a distinction between public interest groups and special interest groups and (2) if we distinguish between organized and unorganized groups.

p. 417, ¶ 3—“Special-interest organizations are most easily formed when they deal with small numbers of individuals who are acutely aware of their exclusive interests.”

p. 417, ¶ 4—“The vice of the groupist theory is that it conceals the most significant aspects of the system… Probably about 90 percent of the people cannot get into the pressure system.”

p. 417, ¶ 6—“The notion that the pressure system is automatically representative of the whole community is a myth fostered by the universalizing tendency of modern group theories. Pressure politics is a selective process ill designed to serve diffuse interests. The system is skewed, loaded and unbalanced in favor of a fraction of a minority…”