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Script: Film Documentary of Television News Shots

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Your Senator works for YOU

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey's

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File: (Open on exterior shot of capitol, Senator walking down steps, etc.)

VOICE: Almost six years ago, we . . . the people of Minnesota . . . sent Hubert H. Humphrey to represent us in the United States Senate. When Senator Humphrey left for Washington, he made a pledge to represent all of us -- the worker, the businessman, and the farmer. He's kept that pledge . . . and made good for Minnesota, as well as for YOU . . .

File: (General farm shot)

VOICE: During the past year, Senator Humphrey has fought vigorously for Minnesota agriculture. He's become recognized as one of the most forceful farm spokesman in the Senate . . . During the session Senator Humphrey has endeavored to keep the people at home informed on the vital issues confronting the country . . . by personal letters, by his familiar newsletters, by radio reports . . . and, yes, by television too. During recent months television has brought Senator Humphrey into thousands of Minnesota's farm homes as he told us of his ideals,

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beliefs, actions in behalf of Minnesota agriculture. He's one Senator who hasn't feared to speak out forcefully in behalf of the farmer . . . Now is a good time to look over that record of the past, so we can judge for the future. What has it meant to have Hubert H. Humphrey in the United States Senate as the spokesman for Minnesota's farmers? Perhaps a little review of some of his news interviews before television cameras during the past year will help tell that story, starting with the way he refuted false charges about the costs of our farm programs. . . .

SENATOR'S FILM: "Let the Facts Speak -- Cost of Farm Program" (about 2 minutes, recorded sound-on-film in February)

Film: Dairy scene, cows, creamery, etc., milkman

VOICE: Perhaps the sharpest blow that has been struck at our farm families was Secretary Benson's order to slash price supports for dairy products from 90% to 75% of parity last spring. Senator Humphrey led a historic battle in the Senate against allowing that slash to happen. When the day for the cut in dairy supports appeared imminent, as a result of the Administration's refusal to reconsider it's unwise decision, Senator Humphrey called on America's dairymen to protest by marking the date as "Black Thursday". . . .

SENATOR'S FILM: "Black Thursday", 2:22 minutes, recorded in March.

Film: School picture -- children at lunch if possible.

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VOICE: While the ~~administration~~ down in Washington was raising quite a fuss about what to do with our dairy abundance, they threatened to block one of the most beneficial outlets through curtailing funds for school lunches. But they reckoned without Senator Humphrey! Minnesota's Senator immediately launched what turned out to be a successful fight against trying to economize at the expense of school children's health. . . .

SENATOR'S FILM: "School Lunch", 2:45 minutes, recorded in April.

Film: Any possibility of clips from Philippines, food lines, etc? (FOA?)

VOICE: Senator Humphrey became righteously indignant when he discovered that powdered milk was being dumped for animal feed, when thousands of people were dying from famine in the Philippines. He called on both Secretary of Agriculture Benson and Foreign Operations Administrator Stassen to take immediate steps toward emergency food shipments to starving people in the Philippines. . . .

SENATOR'S FILM: "Food for Philipinos", 2 minutes 20 seconds, recorded in April.

Film: Any shots of old people, needy children?

VOICE: For a long time there has been a lot of propaganda about the mounting stocks of butter in the government's hands.

Yet at the same time there are more than five million Americans --

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men, women and children -- on meager public assistance incomes who need more butter and milk for their health. Senator Humphrey recognized the fact that if the pressing need of these people were met, there would be no such thing as a dairy surplus. So Senator Humphrey introduced a bill known as the Dairy Diet Dividend Act. . . .

SENATOR'S FILM: "Dairy Diet Dividends", 2:09 minutes, recorded in March.

Film: Grain storage bins -- USDA clips?

VOICE: Back in April, Senator Humphrey saw that a shortage of storage facilities would threaten the Upper Midwestern farmer unless something was done about it. But Senator Humphrey didn't just talk about it, he did something about it. When the Senate was considering the new tax bill, Senator Humphrey sponsored and got enacted an amendment which now encourages the construction of storage facilities by giving tax relief to farmers who build them. Here's Senator Humphrey's warning last April. . . .

SENATOR'S FILM: "Grain Storage", about 1 minute, recorded in April.

Film: General scene of farm fields.

VOICE: And when another real problem faced the American farmer -- what to do about acres diverted from crops in over-supply -- Senator Humphrey had an answer. . . .

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SENATOR'S FILM: "Minnesota Acres", about 1 minute, recorded in February.

Film: Any farm scenes, plowing, tractors, etc.

VOICE: Senator Humphrey's vigorous efforts in behalf of Minnesota's farmers were clinaxed by his leadership in the fight for a better farm bill, in the closing days of the Congress . . . but let Senator Humphrey tell you about that fight himself. . . .

NEW FILM of Senator Humphrey commenting on Senate debate next week on farm bill.

Film: More capitol exterior -- atmosphere scene for windup.

VOICE: What you have seen is the filmed record of just a few of the instances when Senator Hubert H. Humphrey responded to the needs of Minnesota's farmers. It is a record of deeds and actions, not empty promises. It is a record upon which you will soon be asked to pass judgment. It is a record you can all be proud to support. It is the record of a man who has courageously served you and all the citizens of Minnesota -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey.



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