

MINNESOTA RADIO TAPE FOR WEEK MARCH 25

FOR BROADCAST WEEK MARCH 29.

Ladies and Gentlemen - - -

This is Senator Hubert Humphrey, speaking to you from my office on Capitol Hill in Washington . . .

Easter is one of the most beautiful times of the year in Washington and it has come early this year. Let me say to all of you back in Minnesota that I hope the weather is as beautiful as the promise of the message ^{Easter} of ~~this~~ day, and I wish all of you, also, a Happy Easter.

~~I think~~ it may be a little early to smell Spring in Minnesota, but it is in the air in Washington. Most of Washington's beautiful fountains have started again. The Cherry Blossom buds on the trees that rim the tidal basin of the Potomac are about to open. One can certainly tell that the school "Spring" vacations have come, from the number of visitors to the Capitol, including many, many Minnesotans. It ^{is} ~~was~~ a pleasure to see them, ~~as it always is~~. I was only sorry this time that I could not spend as much time with them, as much as I would have liked. But as you know, the Senate ^{now has} ~~has started~~ longer than usual sessions ^{because of} ~~of~~ the Civil Rights Bill. We have been meeting 10-12 hours ^a ~~per~~ day. As a floor leader for the bill I cannot leave the floor long, nor get far away. That bill is my main job now. I am not complaining about it, but I would have liked to spend more time with the folks from Minnesota.

Speaking of the Civil Rights Bill, it has progressed now into deeper discussion. As I have noted, we are giving long hours to it and this will go on for a number of weeks. It may be useful to point out several things about the debate thus far, for I have noted some mistaken impressions in some parts of public reaction.

Our longer than usual sessions are not part of some "wearing down" process. The Senate at this time is not undergoing a filibuster and we are not likely to face that for some weeks yet.

We are meeting long hours and coming in on Saturdays simply because this is a very major piece of legislation. It would take a long time to examine thoroughly and debate carefully even if there were no specially determined opposition to it. Since we know it would take weeks and since other legislation cannot be taken up until it is passed, we are working overtime, so to speak, to save some time if we can.

✓ The enabling legislation for the War on Poverty will have to await the conclusion of the Civil Rights debate. So will the important appropriations bills. We are just working time and a half because we know we have a lot of work to do. Although there was an open ^{Season} season last Fall on Congress for not doing anything, there is not another Congress in my memory that will have taken up as much fundamental and far-reaching legislation, and passed as much of it, as will this 88th Congress when it is over. — Edwin

Health, Education, Medicare, Poverty Program
of Civil Rights

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In due course I expect we will have a filibuster, that is, a talking not to some new point or exploration, but a talking simply to delay a vote upon the measure. We are not at that point at present. Such tactics when they do come, will not defeat the bill however.

I am confident of the outcome, not because those of us who support the cause of Civil Rights have some special power. I believe this Bill is going to be passed by the people of the United States. The moral issue has been felt. The consensus is growing. I believe that people have made up their minds, that there may be many kinds of people in America, but only one kind of citizenship - first class citizenship for all. As long as debate is germane, vital, clarifying - I think we will be indulged. When our debate ceases to be those things, I think the Senate of the United States will hear the public voice. We will vote on the Bill and pass it. Thank you.

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~~The people of America will say no.~~ ^{Pass} #

~~It is our duty to stand for the Bill~~
~~to that hour.~~

Thank you.



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