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STATEMENT

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

UNITED STATES SENATE

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We have lost a great American, a man whose deep concern, compassion, conscience and commitment have inspired all of us in this Chamber.

Mrs. Humphrey and I feel a sense of profound personal loss. Our hearts go out to Senator Kennedy's wife and dear children, and to the Kennedy family which has known tragedy beyond human endurance.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy was an uncommon man with uncommon faith in the ultimate worth of American democracy and its processes. He underwrote his faith with a life of vigorous action, and was taken from us by an irrational act of hatred while doing the most sacred work of a free man.

It is now the obligation of all of us, ~~even~~ in our sorrow and pain, to realize the society of humanity and individual justice which Senator Kennedy sought. For the high purposes to which we have dedicated our nation cannot any longer survive except in the reality of freedom, ~~and~~ *and* ~~the~~ *justice.*
~~time is now.~~

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Doug Bennett

June 6, 1968

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ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

The Chair in his function as President of the Senate would like to make a very brief statement of respect and affection on the life and memory of our late, departed colleague, Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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A valiant, brave, and good man, a gifted colleague to every Member of this body, and a personal friend of many, has been taken from us.

We have lost a great American, a man whose deep concern, compassion, conscience, and commitment have inspired all of us in this Chamber -- as well as millions of fellow Americans and countless other men and women throughout the world.

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May our Nation find the strength, the faith, and the wisdom to dispel the forces of unreason and hate -- of extremism and violence -- from our midst. May it find a way to replace them with the love of man and the love of God.

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MR. BYRD OF WEST VIRGINIA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding the precedents and protocol of the Senate, that the distinguished Vice President, who is now occupying the Chair, may be permitted to address some brief comments to the Senate at this time.

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I wish to thank the Senate for indulging the Chair in
this rather unusual procedure. It is one which I wanted very
much to have the privilege of being ~~granted~~ ^{given} 



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