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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Montana)

Mr. President:

I want to take this time to compliment the Majority Leader, the senior Senator from Texas [Mr. Johnson] and the Minority Leader, the senior Senator from California [Mr. Knowland] for ~~the~~ ^{their} great leadership and fine understanding of the issues in connection with the great debate now going on.

I should also like to commend the senior Senator from Georgia [Mr. Russell], the Senator from New York [Mr. Javits], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. Anderson], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. Aiken], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. O'Mahoney], and all the others who have participated in the discussion and have offered suggestions, amendments and proposals which seek to clarify and delineate the issues before us.

I believe also that the press, radio and TV coverage of this debate has been outstanding in their desire to bring home to the American people the questions involved in the legislation before the Senate. My thanks, too, to the commentators who have expressed their interpretations through the media of communications. A great good has been done in behalf of the people of the country to the end that a better understanding can be achieved. Truly, the fourth estate -- and I use the term collectively -- which is not an arm of the government but is in fact a check on the government, has performed an outstanding, impartial and thoroughly commendable service.

It is the hope of the leadership, in the persons of the Senator from Texas Mr. Johnson and the Senator from California Mr. Knowland, I am sure, that the debate will continue on the same high plane which has marked our deliberations to date, and that while this is an emotionally charged issue that our emotions will be kept to a minimum. The law and the principles involved should continue to serve us as ~~EX~~ guidelines in the days ahead just as they have in the decades past.