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STATEMENT OF SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D., MONTANA)

QUESTION #5 -- The charge has been made that Senator Mansfield, since he became majority leader, has failed to adequately serve Montana in the Senate. Is this true or false? Back up your answer with specifics.

I do not suppose you could rephrase this question to read: What has Senator Mansfield not done that he should have done for the State of Montana. Have I not done that which it was possible to do in connection with natural resources, with conservation, with defense, with peace, with foreign policy, with economic progress, with taxes, with meat prices or with the minting of silver dollars? I had thought that these and countless other matters which affect Montana primarily or which affect Montana deeply, as one of the United States (as in the case of peace and foreign policy) have been my preoccupation for the past six years.

In any event, your question is one which is more appropriately answered by all the voters of Montana rather than by me. I defer to them. They will answer it in November.