Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, it is said that political party platforms are frequently more honored in the breach than the observance. This contention is applied to both parties. And it is true that platforms are only too frequently put away in the file-and-forget department once an election is over.

I am happy to say that the story is different this time. Insofar as the 89th Congress is concerned, it has measured up to its responsibilities. As a result by the end of this first session we will have implemented approximately 85 percent of the specific legislative goals in the Democratic platform adopted in Atlantic City in August of 1964, with action in progress on all but three of the balance. Many similar goals, may I say, were also included in the Republican Party platform so that a salute to our colleagues on the other side of the aisle is also in order.

I have had prepared a 2-column table setting forth the specific pledge of the Democratic Party platform and the performance of this 1st session of the 89th Congress—the first session action on a 4-year platform.

I ask unanimous consent that the table be printed in the Record at this point.

There being no objection, the table was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:
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Defence

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Defence appropriation. Public Law 89-213.

Military procurement authorization. Public Law 89-27.

Deferment program. Public Law 89-213.

Military pay increase. Public Law 89-152.

Military construction authorization. Public Law 89-188.

Building the Peace

Foreign aid authorization. Public Law 89-171.

Foreign aid appropriation. Public Law 89-27.

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Foreign aid appropriation. Public Law 89-27.


Deferment program. Public Law 89-134.

Construction of Space

NASA authorization, $15,195,000,000 for fiscal 1965. Public Law 89-53.

NASA appropriation, $15,195,000,000 for fiscal 1965. Public Law 89-128.

Education

Authorizes $1,344,000,000 in fiscal 1965 for secondary and elementary school aid. Public Law 89-10.

Higher Education Act of 1965. Public Law 89—.

Health

Provide hospitalization for persons 65 and over and a voluntary medical care program. Public Law 89-47.

Authorizes a 3-year $640,000,000 program of grants for establishing and operating regional medical complexes to combat heart disease, cancer, stroke, and other major diseases. Public Law 89-239.


Veterans

Reopen by Public Law 88-664. Funds for administrative expenses provided for in Public Law 89-42.

Provided increases averaging about 10 percent. H.R. 198. Public Law 89—.

Opportunity

Repealed the national origin quota provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act and substituted a new system. Public Law 89-25.

Extended all economic opportunity programs to June 30, 1968, and authorized $1,785,000,000 for fiscal 1966. Public Law 89-253.

Authorized $1,094,000,000 over a 5-year period for aid to the 11-State Appalachian area. Public Law 89-9.

Authorized $274,175,000 for fiscal years 1966-72 for staffing grants to community mental health centers and extended for 6 years the program for training teachers of mentally retarded and other handicapped children. Public Law 89-168.

Increased by $3,000,000, to $15,175,000 annually, the authorization for Indian adult vocational education. Public Law 89-14.

Created an Administration on Aging within the Department of HEW and a 5-year program of grants to the States and $2,000,000 for fiscal 1967, and such sums as necessary for the 3 succeeding fiscal years. Public Law 89-73.

Appropriated $7,000,000 for fiscal 1966. Public Law 89-146.


Authorized an additional $150,000,000 and reduced the maximum interest rate to 3 percent for the direct loan program for the elderly and handicapped. Public Law 89-157.

Established a National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities and authorized $21,000,000 a year over the next 3 fiscal years as an endowment. Public Law 89-209.

The Economy

Provided for a $4,700,000,000 excise tax reduction. Public Law 89-44.

H.R. 10154: House Calendar Senate labor hearings concluded.

S. 914: Senate labor hearings concluded.

House hearings concluded.

Public Law 89-15.

Authorized a 3-year, $90,000,000 program for pilot demonstrations in high-speed intercity ground transportation. Public Law 89-230.

Authorized a 25-mile rapid transit system for National Capital area. Public Law 89-173.


Truth in packaging. S. 985: Senate commerce hearings concluded May 18.


Rural America

Omnibus Agriculture Act of 1965. H.R. 9611: Public Law 89—.

Agriculture appropriation for fiscal 1965. H.R. 8370: Public Law 89—.

Extended rural housing program to Oct. 1, 1965, and provided a new rural housing insured loan program authorizing $30,000,000 a year. Public Law 89-117.

Agriculture appropriation for fiscal 1966. Public Law 89—.

Help the people of developing nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Encourage arms reduction.

Support the partnership of free American Republics in the Alliance for Progress.

Oppose aggression and the use of force or the threat of force against any nation.

Expand the Peace Corps.

Continue development of space technology for peaceful uses; and encourage private industry to increase its efforts in space research.

Demands on the inadequate sources of State and local revenues place a serious limitation on education. New models of financial aid must be explored, including channeling federally collected revenues to all levels of education.

Expanded program of public scholarships, guaranteed loans and work-study grants.

To fight to include hospital care for older Americans in the social security program.

Further expand our health facilities, especially medical schools, hospitals, and research laboratories.

Go forward into the causes and cures for mental illness and mental retardation.

Reopen national service life insurance program.

Veterans with service-connected injuries and disabilities must be insured an adequate standard of living.

Immigration laws must be revised.

Carry the war on poverty forward as a total war against the causes of human want.

Move forward with programs to restore areas such as Appalachia.

Help the physically handicapped and mentally disadvantaged develop to the full limit of their capabilities.

Assist our Indian people to improve their standard of living and attain self-sufficiency.

Enhance the security of older Americans by offering opportunities like those provided for the young under the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964.

Adjust social security benefit levels.

Expand decent housing which older citizens can afford.

Encourage further supports for the arts.

Review all excise taxes and eliminate those that are obsolete.

Extend coverage of Fair Labor Standards Act.

Increase overtime pay requirements.

Revise the unemployment insurance program.

Expand manpower training programs.

Provide fast, safe, and economic modes of transportation.

Repeal of 14(b) of Taft-Hartley Act.

Continue to insist that our drugs and medicines are safe and effective.

Assure that merchandise is labeled and packaged honestly.

Assure that the true cost of credit is disclosed.

Strengthen the farm income structure.

Expand food stamp and school lunch programs; accelerate research into new industrial uses of farm products.

Assure rural America decent housing.

Continue support of rural telephone program and Rural Electrification Administration.

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Platform

THE NATION'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Legislation

Continue comprehensive development of river basins.
Provide the people of this Nation a balanced outdoor recreation program.


Intensify our efforts to solve the critical water problems by desalinization.

Assateague Island National Seashore. Public Law 89-145.

Continue the attack on polluted air.

Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area. Public Law 89-110.

Provide the people of this Nation a balanced outdoor recreation program.

Erie Knob-Seneca Rock Recreation Area. Public Law 89-207.

Intensify our efforts to solve the critical water problems by desalinization.

Extend the saline water research and development program for 5 years. Public Law 89-118.

Continue the attack on water pollution.


THE CIT Y

Continue comprehensive development of river basins.

Authorizing a $7,500,000,000 housing program for low-income families, including the elderly, the handicapped, and the displaced; and a new program of rent supplements. Public Law 89-117.

Provide the people of this Nation a balanced outdoor recreation program.


Press the fight against narcotism.

Authorizing an annual $665,000,000 program of public works and economic development through 1973. Public Law 89-118.

Turn juvenile delinquents into good citizens.

Increased the authorization for urban renewal grants by $675,000,000 for fiscal 1966, $725,000,000 for fiscal 1967, $750,000,000 for fiscal 1968 and 1969. Public Law 89-117.

A decent home for every American family.

Authorize increase for open space grants from $75 to $10,000,000. Public Law 89-117.

Press the fight against narcotism.

Created a Cabinet Department of Housing and Urban Affairs. Public 89-174.

Provide the people of this Nation a balanced outdoor recreation program.

THE GOVERNMENT

Continue comprehensive development of river basins.

Closed loopholes in the Administrative Procedure Act and established a general philosophy of full agency disclosure. S. 1180 passed Senate, Oct. 13, 1965.

Provide the people of this Nation a balanced outdoor recreation program.

Passed both Houses amended.

Intensify our efforts to solve the critical water problems by desalinization.

Equal opportunity and equal treatment for all Americans regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.