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ble and, at first blush, this most recent proposal is pressurized insofar as a single age group is concerned. The fact is, inequities and unfairness still continue in the draft system.

Mr. President, I want the RECORD to show my position on this matter.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I think I should make my position clear on this question.

I intend to vote against the pending legislation.

I feel that what it does is to constrict the pressure of the draft to that broad age group of 19-year-olds who, as the report indicates, will become the "prime vulnerable" group for induction.

There is a great deal wrong with our Selective Service System. Unfairness and inequity are built-in impediments. We are in need of an exhaustive review of the whole procedure involved in selecting and maintaining our Armed Forces—a review that should include the close scrutiny of all of the loopholes available and, even more, of the whole question of compulsive service.

Perhaps the so-called random selection or lottery proposal is a step in the right direction. I am not sure. In any case, I am not at this time prepared to support a move in that direction. More—much more has to be done.

I did not vote for the extension of the Draft Act last time. It is inequita-