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STATEMENT OF SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D-MONT)

"CBS AND ELECTION REFORM"

Mr. President, election reform has been discussed from time to time for a number of years, but I believe that we are now approaching the point where such changes in our election campaign laws will be seriously discussed and considered. Campaign expenditures are getting completely out of hand and it seems like we are campaigning all of the time.

We have major proposals being introduced in this new 92nd Congress, and it is my hope that the appropriate committees will be able to address themselves to these problems at an early date.

One of the most active proponents of campaign reform is Frank Stanton, Vice President of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. In mid-January he made available to many of us here in Congress a "Five Point Program for Election Reform." I think that this is something that would be of interest to all Members of the House and Senate.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the Five Point Program prepared by Frank Stanton printed at this point in my remarks in the Congressional Record.