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SENATE VOTES, 90-4, TO RETAIN COMMITTEE ON AGING

I am giving you the above news in bulletin form because I want to get it to you and many other persons in the fastest way possible.

Victory was made virtually certain even before the vote on February 2 because 50 other Senators had joined me as cosponsors by the time I introduced my amendment to continue the Committee on Aging. At least twelve others promised me their support.

With such backing I was able to work out an agreement which would continue the Committee and give it permanent status. It also reduces the present size of the 23-member Aging Committee to 9, the same size as the Senate Small Business Committee.

The agreement proved that there need not be conflict between the forces of Senate reorganization and the 16-year old Senate tradition of special concern for older Americans.

This was a victory for ~~The outcome was due to~~ senior citizens ~~and others~~ throughout the United States who in one way or another told their Senators that they would not stand for retreat on aging in the United States Senate. This was a grass-roots effort, and credit for victory belongs to the senior citizens ~~older Americans~~ themselves.

With appreciation and affection,

FRANK CHURCH, CHAIRMAN

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