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1. Keeping our economy expanding, "so essential revenue can still be obtained from lowered tax rates";
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3. Adoption of the Presidential "item veto", allowing the President authority to cull out individual items from appropriation bills without having to accept or reject the entire bill.
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Senator Humphrey called upon women to "exert your wholesome influence toward raising the moral level of American politics and government" by insisting on fair campaign practices, and "decency in seeking the opportunity for public service".

"You can't expect high moral standards, decency, and ethics in government, if you permit candidates for offices of public trust to stoop to any level to get elected", he declared. "Ethics and decency in government begin with ethics and decency in bidding for your support. If elections can be won by trickery and deceit rather than frank discussion of the issues, then you can only expect trickery and deceit in government."

Senator Humphrey called attention to his own signing of the national "Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices", and his invitation for all other candidates to join him in an effort to keep the current campaign on a high and constructive level.

"But such efforts are futile, unless they win the support of decent people, reflected in the polling place", he declared.

As other steps toward raising moral and ethical standards of government, Senator Humphrey urged:

1. Establishment of a Joint Committee on Internal Security "to get results out of congressional investigations, instead of headline-hunting competition".
2. Adoption of a uniform code of "fair play" procedure to clean up such Congressional investigations.
3. Creation of a Commission on Ethics in Government to serve as a "watchdog" for moral standards of public service.
4. Establishment of a Commission on Campaign Expenditures to seek better ways of controlling excessive campaign spending and evasion of existing laws relating to such expenditures.

"I am proud to be the sponsor or co-sponsor of legislation covering all four of these important objectives, and hope to be able to press for action on each during the next session of the Senate", Senator Humphrey declared.

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