NY Dem. Sponsors Dinner/HHH
TCsd/SPC June 11, 1969

MEMORANDUM

For:

ННН

From:

John G. Stewart

Re:

The National Democratic Sponsors Club of New York Thursday, June 12 Remarks

1. 33 Senate seats for election in 1970:

-- 25 held by Democrats

-- 8 held by Republicans

Republicans now hold 42 Senate seats, reducing the magic number to 9. Add 9 Republicans and subtract 9 Democrats, and the whole tone of Congress would change, not just the chairmanships of the Senate committees. Democrats sustained a net loss of 4 seats in the House in the last election, and that reduced the House magic number to 26. That may seem a fairly comfortable figure, but with the prospect of Gerry Ford as Speaker of the House, no number is finally satisfactory.

2. Prime question of the 1970's: allocation of nation's resources to meet human needs. Thus need for men of vision and compassion, committed to national growth in terms of improved powers of individual to control his life.

- 3. Senators whose terms are expiring: key men whose ideas and intelligence are needed in 1960's: Muskie, Kennedy, Mansfield, Hart, Gore, Tydings, Symington, Moss, Proxmire, Yarborough, Hartke, Montoya and Williams.
- 4. 1970 census and subsequent apportionment makesstate legislative and gubernatorial races extremely important.

NOTE: YOUR REMARKS ARE TO LAST NO LONGER THAN 5--7 MINUTES.

33 Senate seats for election in 1970

25 held by Democrats 8 held by Republicans 1055 of. Iruman Cross See p. 2:

Prime question of 70's: allocation of nation's material resources to meet human needs

Thus need for men of vision and compassion, committed to national growth in terms of improved powers of individual to control his zixe life

Senators whose terms are expiring: key men whose ideas and intelligence are needed in 70's

Muskie--leadership in environmental study and improvement

Kennedy--leader in civil rights and education legislation, whip

Mansfield--to mention name is Enought enough

Hart--leader in voting rights legislation and in consumer protection legislation

Gore--arms control and disarmament

Tydings -- civil xixh rights, and now powerful voice for people of D.C.

Symington -- informed leadership of xxxi arms reduction

Moss--consumer rights and concern with responsible use of nation's resources

Proxmire--tax reform

Others: Yarborough, Hartke, Montoya, Williams

1968

1970 census and subsequent EXXEX apportionment makes state legislative and gubernatorial races extremely important

Republicans now hold 42 Senate **** seats, reducing the magic number to \$39. Add 9 Republicans and **** subtract **** 9 Democrats, and the whole tone of Congress would change, not just the **** chairmanships of the **** Senate Committees.

Sustained a net loss of 4
Democrats installar seats in the House in the last election, and that reduced the
House magic number to 25 26. That may seem a fairly comfortable figure, but with
the prospect of faxers Gerry Ford as Speaker of the House, no number is finally
satisfactory.

Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.

