

Senator Kennedy comes to us today victorious from two history-making primaries in Wisconsin and West Virginia. Plus a number of other primary victories, all of which have added to his stature as a contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

We all realize that there is a tremendous fight ahead for Senator Kennedy in the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles. We are aware, also, that by Convention time he will have added the State of Maryland to his long list of primary victories. Our great Democratic Party is fortunate this year in having so many capable and experienced statesmen who aspire to the Presidential nomination. At the Convention in July, I am convinced that we will select the best candidate—a man who will lead us to a great Democratic victory in November.

In the meantime, the immediate business at hand for us is the Presidential primary which will be held in Maryland next Tuesday. We are fortunate in this State in having on the ballot this year two men—both United States Senators—Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts and Senator Wayne Morse, of Oregon—whose records in the Senate of the United States show clearly that they are men of outstanding ability.

I have studied carefully the records of these two candidates and, after much deliberation, I am convinced that Senator Kennedy is the better qualified of the two. On the basis of his experience and skill in statecraft and his ability to garner votes, as demonstrated in his recent series of primary victories, I intend to cast my ballot next Tuesday for Senator Kennedy. I urge my good friends in the Democratic Party to do the same. Maryland can and will give him a substantial majority.

It is a pleasure and an honor, ladies and gentlemen, to present to you today a young man who personifies in every way the spirit of young America—amiable, energetic and capable Senator John F. Kennedy.

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It is good to have this opportunity to speak to you, my fellow Democrats, about the important work that needs to be done before the