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VOTING RIGHTS
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The Administration has made Voting Rights Amendment recommendations to the Congress. The recommendations, if approved by the Congress, would, among other things, suspend the use of literacy tests throughout the country. The measure proposed would also enable persons to vote for President and Vice President even though they had moved and not resided in a new locality sufficiently long to be able to meet the residence requirements of the new state--in this instance, they could cast an absent voters ballot at their former residence. Also, the Attorney General would have greater authority to eliminate discriminatory voting practices throughout the United States.

The House Judiciary Committee voted for a simple five year extension of the Voting Rights Act, certain provisions of which are due to expire in August of 1970. The Senate Committee is now conducting hearings on the President's proposed recommendations.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen