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Benton Harbor, Mich. Whirlpool Management (Two Party)

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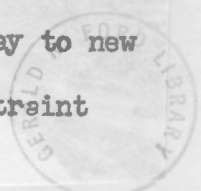
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How do we overcome the present lopsided imbalance of power in Congress?

One place to start is with the Committees on Government Operations of the House and Senate, which have broad investigating authority.

These committees should be under control of the minority party to make the Federal government function better and to help all Americans learn the facts.

Here would be a genuine vehicle to assure that the voice of the minority would be heard. The majority would be constantly on notice that its actions--or inactions--were subject to effective, critical review. And, the public would know that any cover-up or wrong-doing would be improbable, if not impossible.

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I urge a strengthening of citizenship and patriotism, including a great devotion to moral and spiritual values which are translated into nobility of character, social justice, national righteousness.

This is neither a time to stumble, nor to falter, nor to fear in accepting the responsibilities of citizenship to face the challenges of this age of speed and space, turbulent events and perplexing problems.

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