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ever since he first came to the U.S. House of Representatives at the opening of
the 88th Congress.

Bill came to the House with an impressive background. He was a graduate of
Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. He had served in the Navy as an
officer for three years. He was ~~was~~ a successful businessman, and he had been
active in many ~~many~~ civic, business and political organizations.

He served with distinction in the House for four terms--and the people of
Tennessee recognized his fine record as a lawmaker ~~by~~ by electing him to the
United States Senate on Nov. 3, 1970.

Bill Brock was easily one of the most outstanding members of the House during
his tenure there, and he obviously is distinguishing himself in the Senate as
well.

Bill's abilities have long been recognized. He was selected as the "Outstanding
Young Republican" in 1963 and was named "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" ~~by~~
by the Tennessee ~~Junior~~ Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1965.

Currently ~~Sen.~~ Sen. Brock is ~~among~~ among those chosen by the
Republican Party to ~~do~~ do missionary work for the party among college
students. The reason is he is not only an attractive person in every way
but he speaks the language of youth. He "knows where it's at."

Sen. Brock is one sweet guy--and I don't say that just because he used to
be vice-president of the ~~Brock~~ Brock Candy Co. of Chattanooga.

I ~~give~~ give you one of the brightest young lights in the Republican Party
today...the man of the evening...the man of the hour...Sen. Bill Brock of
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Remarks by Rep. Gerald R. Ford upon introducing Sen. William E. Brock at
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