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STATEMENT BY SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE
ON STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE
OF PRESIDENT NIXON

There were signs of change in the President's message, and although they fell short of the advance billings, I hope the President's proposals and Congressional initiatives will lead to corrections in our economic policies and improved operations in the executive branch.

Out of the address and Congressional reaction there must come a genuine commitment to changes in our priorities. We must assure a national health program, and bring about more effective assistance to meet state and local needs in education, housing, and the improvement of the environment.