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The privilege of reading Washington's Farewell Address by designation of Vice President Humphrey was only equalled by the same opportunity in 1954 when as a member of the House of Representatives I read it by designation of Sam Rayburn.

Often quoted as an admonition against foreign entanglements a re-reading shows that like a golden thread running through the fabric of the entire address is the call for national unity. North against South or East against West but a union of free people. Washington who did so much to preserve the union admonished against any destruction of it. In times of strife over Civil Rights, over competition between areas this word above is to be heeded. The wisdom of Washington is a constant reminder of the good fortune of our nation in having these great leaders at the time of our nation's birth.

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