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Write For Rights

To the Editor:

It is urgent that every student, faculty and staff member write the two senators from his home state to urge them to work for the passage of the Civil Rights Bill (H.R. 7152).

Specifically, you should urge your senators (1) to be available for all Quorum Calls during the debate-filibuster; (2) to vote for cloture (the cutting off of debate) when debate ends and filibuster takes over (I would set June 1 as the deadline because the merits should be fully discussed by then, schools let out soon after that, and the conventions will be upon us); and (3) to vote for the Civil Rights Bill (H. R. 7152) without any amendments or deletions once the debate-filibuster is over.

The reason for accepting no changes at all is this: if the Senate Bill differs from the House Bill then there must be a conference Committee from both Houses to work out a compromise, which then must be passed again in both houses. This could cause undue delay, further compromise and even the death of the bill.

I urge this matter as Director of Religious Affairs at the University of Maine because I think it is a religious matter that all human beings be treated as human beings; and I think it is a University matter that all human rights relate to our human rights.

Urgently,

Harvey Bates