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THE JOURNEY THAT BEGAN WITH REFERENCE OF THE HOUSING BILL TO YOUR BANKING AND [REDACTED] CURRENCY COMMITTEE REACHED A SENATE CLIMAX WITH THE RESOUNDING 71 TO 20 VICTORY ON MARCH 11. THE CAREFUL AND DEDICATED MANNER IN WHICH YOU ACTED IN COMMITTEE, DURING THE INFORMAL [REDACTED] NEGOTIATIONS AND ON THE FLOOR HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF SPEECH MATERIAL FOR ME THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ON THURSDAY I SHALL BE ADDRESSING THE ALABAMA STATE TEACHERS IN MONTGOMERY. YOU HAVE HELPED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO FACE THEM WITH NEW VINDICATION OF MY BELIEF IN THE POWER OF THE US CONSTITUTION TO RIGHT WRONGS AND TO PROMOTE PROGRESS.

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