

There has been considerable discussion recently relative to the televising of Congress, and I concur with those who feel this would be very worthwhile for the citizens of our nation.

Our great democracy -- a government of the people, by the people, and for the people -- will be even greater, I feel, if our citizens can actually see their Senators and Members of the House of Representatives in action. They will be more aware and have more knowledge of the problems facing our country and the world today, and, in turn, voice their opinions as to what they feel would be for the best interest of all of us.

Seeing Congress at work would enable the people of the United States to better know, judge, and decide for themselves whether or not the Representatives and Senators they have elected to serve them in Washington are doing the best job possible for the individual, our nation, and the world.

If sessions of Congress would be televised, it is my belief that each Senator and Representative could and would be able to do a better job in serving all the people. I feel attendance on the Senate and House Floors would be much improved as members would be on the job one hundred percent, if at all possible. There would be no dilly-dallying. With the convening of each session, legislation and matters to be brought up would be presented, worked out, and disposed of without wasting time.

With this procedure, Congress could perhaps do a better job - and do that job in less time. This would allow Representatives and Senators to go back home possibly six months of the year, be with their constituents, ^{and} really know of the problems and matters which are of so much importance to us. In that way, on returning to Washington, they will be able to serve their people in even a better way.

With the recent televising of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee hearings, it has already been proved that our people are really interested in and want to know and see everything possible about our government, its leaders, and problems.

Democracy -- we hope and pray -- is here to stay. And I feel that television is here to stay. I firmly believe bringing Congress "nearer home" via television would be another great step in the advancement of our nation and our citizens.