

Thomas Dodd Triggers Spate in Charge of 'Dribbling' Pace of Senate

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Why has it taken the Senate so long to accomplish so little?
Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., triggered a spate of soul-searching oratory when he charged that Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., was responsible for the Senate's "dribbling" pace.

and said the Connecticut Democrat was displaying "cerebral incoherence."
The Dodd outburst and the ensuing debate pointed up the mounting frustration on Capitol Hill over the legislative slowdown, however. It appears that this session will end without final action on either civil rights or tax cut legislation — the two big issues President Kennedy wanted settled in 1963.

Mansfield and — to a lesser extent — Dirksen are easy targets, fellow senators say, but neither should bear the blame for the slowdown.
They say the blame should be spread farther afield — the White House, the House of Representatives, Southern lawmakers fighting civil rights legislation, not to mention the Senate's system of rules branded "archaic" by liberals.

"You can put 90 per cent of it down to civil rights," one veteran senator declared. "And the blame belongs as much downtown (the White House) as in Congress."
Once President Kennedy switched his 1963 program in midstream and decided to push for an omnibus civil rights bill "a lot of people began to sit on things," he said. That meant a little delay here, an extra

batch of witnesses to be heard there — anything to produce a stretch-out of congressional business.
"The only way Southerners have of modifying the civil rights bill so they can perhaps live with it is to force it into the election year," the senator said. "And there isn't too much that Mike Mansfield or anyone else can do about it, under our system."

Blames Archaic Rules
Senate Republican Whip Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., blames the Senate's "archaic rules" for most of the trouble. "You couldn't put Paul the Apostle in the majority leader's seat and have him conduct the business of the country with the rules we have," he said.

Mansfield has suffered in some appraisals because he followed the flamboyant Lyndon B. Johnson as floor leader. Johnson, now vice president and removed from the legislative battleground, liked to dramatize his victories and screen his defeats. Mansfield, a pipe-smoking former college professor, admits that "glamor is not the hallmark" of his performance.
Part of the leadership problem on the Democratic side lies in holding together the differing wings of the party. Northern liberals and Southern conserva-

tives take a lot of organizational trouble-shooting to keep in voting harness.
Mansfield's problem in this regard was magnified recently by the departure of the majority secretary, Robert G. (Bobby) Baker. Now under investigation for possible conflict of interest because of outside business deals, Baker resigned his post Oct. 7.

And Dodd, the man who started it all, said "Amen" to that last night. He told the Senate he felt "like a skunk at a lawn party" and conceded it might have been "wiser" to have "kept my mouth shut."
Describing Mansfield as a "very great man," Dodd said, "he has my respect and affection as well as my loyalty."

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