

# National Day of Humiliation

Washington

With just a few members present, the Senate voted yesterday to call for a national day of humiliation, fasting and prayer next April 30.

The action by voice vote came shortly after Senator Mark O. Hatfield (Rep-Ore.) introduced the resolution.

At first, a routine motion was made to send it to a committee.

But after Hatfield was commended by Senator Charles M.C. Mathias Jr. (Rep-Md.), the Oregon Republican asked and was granted unanimous consent to pass the measure.

Hatfield told the Senate the resolution was modeled after a proclamation written

by Abraham Lincoln setting April 30, 1863, as a day "to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness"

"Today our nation has once again been torn apart by a crisis from which there appears little relief," Hatfield said.

"I believe that only a national confession of corporate guilt can save us from the worship of our own finite power and the tragedies that this worship creates."

He did not elaborate in describing the tragedies and crisis.

The action sends the measure to the House. President Nixon's signature would also be required for it to become law.

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