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Long Pledges Vote Against Justice Fortas

U.S. Sen. Russell B. Long has restated his intention to vote against the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas as Chief Justice.

Long, who is running for reelection this year, made this comment in a television campaign interview yesterday.

"I have said I was going to vote against Judge Fortas for that job and I will," he asserted.

Long said he objected to Fortas' voting record in criminal cases. The Louisiana senator said Fortas has voted "to

protect the criminal against society and leaving society defenseless against the criminals."

Long is opposed by Maurice P. Blache of Covington in the Aug. 17 Democratic primary.

Long also cited his record of voting against all of the civil rights bills, including the open housing and voting right bills, the Medicare program, foreign aid bills and the income tax surcharge.

Long said he has voted for

veterans bills and Social Security, adding that he would favor legislation to help the country's youth obtain a better education.

The majority whip of the Senate, Long said, "I don't represent the President of the United States nor even the Democratic Party. I'm elected by the people of Louisiana."