

Democratic Senators Up Early To Criticize the Administration

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Every morning last week, Senate Democrats conducted an early - morning fungo practice, trying to bat out issues to Senate George McGovern. If the democrats have their way, the practice will probably continue every morning until the session ends.

In campaign that has been most Senate Democrats keep their distance from the McGovern candidacy, the practice provides one of the few political links between the Democratic Presidential candidate and his liberal supporters in the Senate.

Every morning, one or two Democratic Senators select an issue and discuss it on the Senate floor for a half hour or so before the Senate settles down to its legislative business.

On Monday it was Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin, taking the Administration to task on its economic policies, with support from Senator Alan Cranston of California. Tuesday, Senators Frank Church of Idaho and Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut teamed up to criticize the President for trying to take credit for a 20 per cent Social Security increase passed over Administration opposition.

An Issue a Day

On Wednesday, it was the farm issue, with Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen of Texas at bat and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota mis-scheduled 15-minute ment. On Thursday Adlai E. Stever Illinois deplore tion's ethi "wealth ator V ne