

A Panel to Evaluate the Presidency

Washington

Senator Walter F. Mondale (Dem-Minn.) said yesterday that he will introduce legislation to establish a special commission to evaluate the office of the presidency in the wake of the Watergate scandal.

Mondale said his bill would create a panel of members of Congress, the executive branch and private citizens "to examine what has happened to the office, why it has happened, and what can be done to ensure that the presidency remains open and accountable to the American people and the Congress."

Mondale said the Watergate scandal "could mark the unfortunate beginning of a steep and disastrous decline in the prestige and power of that office."

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