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Statement By Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Regarding the Passage of the Federal Voting Rights Act

"I commend the United States Senate for voting today to renew the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"At no time does the phrase, 'created equal,' have more meaning than on Election Day. As an eligible voter, it doesn't matter whether you are man or woman, 18 or 88 years old, a millionaire or homeless. On Election Day, each vote counts equally and we must do all we can to ensure that continues to be the case.

"This landmark legislation has made significant strides in protecting the right to vote of every citizen regardless of color or creed. I commend the members of Congress for reaffirming the bedrock commitment to equality and justice for every citizen in the United States of America."

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