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**Quote**

“ “If these radical increases in the welfare state had been proposed through ordinary congressional procedures - subcommittee hearings, witnesses from all sides, committee hearings, proposed amendments, a modicum of publicity - it is unlikely they would have stood a chance of passing. But the bill was assembled in secret and passed in haste encouraged by presidential inducement of panic, without even a pretense of due deliberation.” ”

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