

Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, were brutally murdered for trying to register African-Americans to vote.

More recently, Americans have been lulled into complacency about voting rights. We seem to believe that if there are no obvious deterrents to voting, like poll taxes, then there are no voting-rights violations.

The events of the past election should wake us up. The right to vote can be violated by armed men lurking menacingly at the door of the polling place.

The right to vote can also be stolen by antiquated voting equipment and careless or discriminatory purging of the voter rolls. Coupled with his record, Senator Ashcroft's answers to my inquiries do not convince me of a genuine commitment to a forceful investigation and follow-up action of voting-rights violations in Florida.

I am not confident that action will follow words. Therefore, I will vote "no" on the confirmation of John

Ashcroft for United States Attorney General.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ALLEN). Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2001.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:08 p.m., adjourned in executive session until Thursday, February 1, 2001, at 9 a.m.