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The Minnesota Tradition of Fair Elections

The close contest for U.S. Senate has given rise to challenges and questions by the campaigns of Senator Norm Coleman and Al Franken. The war of words between the campaigns has raised concerns about the fairness and credibility of Minnesota's election process. The truth, however, is that Minnesota's administrative and judicial process for elections is among the most respected in the country. Vice President Walter Mondale, Congressman Jim Ramstad, and former Elmer Andersen aide Tom Swain are joined by national and regional experts to examine the Minnesota tradition of fair elections.

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PANEL ONE: THE GOLD STANDARD

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PANEL TWO: THE MINNESOTA TRADITION OF FAIR ELECTIONS

Vice President **Walter Mondale** (http://www.mnhs.org/library/tips/history_topics/50mondale.html)

Congressman Jim Ramstad

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