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I watch C-SPAN because it is an answer to a long felt need of the average citizen interested in the issues of the day.

Years ago when Television first became a reality, we dreamed that the whole world would be brought into our living room. The future was very exciting.

But it hasn't turned out exactly that way. True, we have had much entertainment, some good some bad. We have gone to far away places, seen beautiful wild life, even that in our oceans. We have watched documentaries and politicians asking for our votes. We depend on our news programs, but what goes on in the Halls of Congress, we get second hand.

We send our representatives to Congress and then wonder, "How do they really perform?"

Now, thanks to C-SPAN we can see our own and other members speak in everyday sessions. Important people, who were just names and faces are suddenly alive and we are in the gallery.

The call-in programs are worthwhile because we hear the views of important people in an informal setting. Some of the callers express rather silly and ignorant opinions but others are quite wise and profound. We can be so thankful that we live in a country where all can speak out.

C-SPAN is new to our community so I haven't explored all its possibilities, but I am so grateful for what I have discovered.

Now, when can we hear from the Senate?