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as signaling the end of a period known as the Second Reconstruction just as the first Reconstruction was doomed by the federal government's abandonment of the freedman's cause.

do not necessarily adhere to so cataclysmic a view since busing is an issue which has aroused such deeply-felt and widespread passions among persons of ideological persuasions. But I nonetheless believe that they do represent a distinct danger to the progress of civil rights. And I am convinced that their defeat is essential if we are to proceed unhindered to the ultimate goal of a racially ideal society.

My most profound fear is that the momenum generate by the anti-busing campaign will inspire anew those forces who have consistently and destructively opposed the aspirations of black Americans. For while a measure of liberal support for busing curbs is undeniable, (support based on political practicality rather than moral conviction) it has been the most racially unenlightened, those who said "never," and applauded when others stood in the schoolhouse door who most zealously pursue this legislation.

A victory on busing might be followed by efforts to emasculate the Voting Rights Act, which, moreso than any single law, has weakened the power of southern conservatism. For those who dismiss this as unlikely it would do well to recall that an enfeeblement of the Voting Rights Act was a cornerstone in the Nixon Administration's Southern Strategy.

Or we could see a campaign to restrain the federal government from employing its social welfare programs to encourage integration or to penalize communities which continue to discriminate against blacks and other minorities.

The bills before the House include a constitutional amendment prohibiting all busing; a bill, supported by the Nixon Administration, which would impose severe restrictions busing and a second Nixon-backed measure which would set a moratorium on court-ordered busing

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