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Now it's official—being a U.S. Senator can be a Good Thing financially.

Reports filed with the Secretary of the Senate by the 100 Senators show that the lawmakers raked in $304,224 last year in honorariums for speeches, articles and television appearances.

This speaking and writing fees may only be the tip of the iceberg. The Senate's financial disclosure rule, adopted last year as a result of the 1967 censure of Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) for his handling of campaign funds, requires that reports on campaign contributions and honorariums exceeding $300 each be made public. But it keeps under lock and key, available only to the Senate Ethics Committee, reports detailing income from businesses, stocks and bonds, law fees and trusts.

Goldwater's Report

Yesterday's filings show that 61 Senators received honorariums of some type during 1968. The reports were required to cover only the last half of last year, but many Senators gave figures for the whole year.

Barry Goldwater, the Arizona Republican who was not a Senator but only a candidate for the job in 1968, led the chicken-dinner circuit by a wide margin. He got honorariums of $66,873 for the year, nearly all for speeches under the aegis of Harry Walker, Inc., a New York lecture bureau.

Second in line with $21,556.65 was Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.), whose fee list ranged from $150 from the

Roger Williams Fellowship to $2000 from the University of Southern California.

Then came Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.), with $19,967 from book royalties, speeches and articles; and Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.), with $18,158.50, including $5000 for a live TV performance, $3500 from the U.S. Savings and Loan League and over $5000 from newspaper groups for news columns.

Other Recipients

Dirksen's list of campaign contributions included $5000 each from a Seafarers Union group and a Teamster Union voluntary group; $5000 from George Halas, long-time owner-coach of the Chicago Bears football team; $450 from Henry Ford of Dearborn, Mich.; and $3000 from Howard Pew of the Philadelphia oil family.

Other leading recipients of honorariums:

- Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), with $14,000 from such groups as the Potato Chip Institute, National Shoe Retailers, Foreign Policy Association and several universities.
- Fred R. Harris (D-Okla.), $11,675.
- Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), $11,500 for July-December, 1968, from articles in Look, Life and Seventeen and lectures.
- George S. McGovern (D-S.D.), $10,525.

Virginia's Democratic Sen. Harry F. Byrd reported no honorariums. William B. Spong (D-Va.) reported $1900 from speeches at Radford and Stratford College, the Houston Pollution Control Exposition and the Maritime Trade Department in the District of Columbia.

Joseph Tydings (D-Md.) received $5015 from an article for Playboy (several other Senators tapped this source), an advance on a book and speeches at Converse College and the Missouri Bar Association. Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.) was paid a total of $650 for speeches at the Brookings Institution and Public Affairs Council.