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IMMEDIATELY

State Senator James L. Taft, Jr. of Cranston, Rhode Island, a Republican Minority Leader in the Rhode Island Senate spoke this morning at Salve Regina College, Newport, to a class studying American Political Parties. The course is conducted by Professor Robert J. McKenna, a Democratic Representative from Newport.

Senator Taft spoke both on various programs offered by the Republican party at this session of the General Assembly, such as 18 yr. olds being allowed to vote, changes in election laws regarding party affiliation and the elimination of the master lever in voting machines. He also spoke on the Republican party structure, both at the state level and that of cities and towns.

For the remainder of the class time, Senator Taft answered students' questions regarding Republican programs and party structure.