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Statement from Governor J. Strom Thurmond on South Carolina Seaports and Facilities

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The people of South Carolina are taking over the operation and development of its seaports with the firm intention of restoring the State to the leading maritime position it held a century ago. The economic welfare of the whole state will depend to a large extent on our success in this endeavor. We expect to utilize our seaports as assets to help business and industry locating in our state to get their merchandise and products to the markets of the nation and the world on a competitive basis, and our hope is that business and industry will avail themselves of the facilities at our ports by casting their lot with us.

The doubling of the productive capacity of this country as a result of the war makes it more important than ever before to expand our foreign trade. The prosperity of the United States follows the curve of our foreign trade.

South Carolina, through its seaports, offers the facilities to do its part in promoting commerce between nations, which is so important a factor in world economic stability and the avoidance of war.