

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
ON THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES W. CRAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA TAX COMMISSION TO SUCCEED DR. W. G. QUERY,
JANUARY 28, 1948.

I have appointed James W. Crain, of Greenville, South Carolina,
as a member of the South Carolina Tax Commission to succeed Dr. W. G. Query,
whose term expires February 1, 1948, and who is eligible to retire.

Mr. Crain has devoted his career to the public service. A graduate of the North Greenville Baptist Academy, he was president of the senior class of Furman University (1933) and was active in athletics and public speaking. After graduation, he taught school in both Greer and Laurens.

For 2 1/2 years, he was a Field Agent of the South Carolina Tax Commission, leaving in 1937 to become Probation Officer of the United States Court for the Western District of South Carolina. In 1939 he was promoted to Chief Probation Officer for the Court.

Mr. Crain served in the United States Navy during World War II, having volunteered for duty and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He was assigned to the Correctional Services Division of the Navy. He was awarded a commendation by the Navy when he left the service to resume his position as Chief Probation Officer.

Mr. Crain, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Dean Crain, of Greenville, married Miss Caroline Inman, daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. Inman, of Greenville. Judge Inman is Master in Equity for Greenville County. Mr. and Mrs. Crain have a son and a daughter.

Mr. Crain is highly recommended by the members of the Greenville
County Delegation, public officials, and many other outstanding citizens through-
out the State.