

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, CONCERNING REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES
SUPREME COURT TO HEAR PRIMARY CASE OF DEMOCRATS OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, ISSUED APRIL 21, 1948.

I was shocked by the action of the United States Supreme Court
in refusing even to hear the Democrats of South Carolina in the Primary Case.

Every American citizen has lost a part of his fundamental rights
by this decision, and is less a free man than he was before. I predict that
Americans everywhere will live to regret the principle of law which has been
laid down.

The result is unsound and un-American, and denies to our people
their constitutional freedom of peaceful assembly.

We in South Carolina will be faced with many serious practical
problems in the days ahead. These we will solve with the coolness and deter-
mination of our forefathers.