

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
REGARDING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS OF LOBBYISTS, APRIL 23, 1948

There is a South Carolina Statute which requires registration with the Secretary of State of any person engaged in promoting or opposing the passage by the General Assembly of any legislation affecting the pecuniary interest of any individual, association, or corporation.

Such lobbyists are required to file with the Secretary of State, within 30 days after final adjournment of the General Assembly, a complete and detailed statement of the expenses paid or incurred by them or their principals in connection with the promoting or opposing in any manner of the passage by the Legislature of legislation which would profit any individual, association, or corporation.

Lobbyists and their principals who fail to comply with the requirements of this statute may be convicted of a misdemeanor.

I wish to call this to the attention of all lobbyists so that they can comply with the provisions of the law.