

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, REGARDING PASSAGE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BILL CONCERNING NITRATE FOR FARMERS, MAY 27, 1948.

Governor Thurmond was notified by Congressman Riley that H.R. 6659 passed the House on May 26, and that this Bill now goes to the Senate. It provides for from 40 to 50 thousand tons of Nitrate for United States farmers. It requires the Army to supply from its manufacture one half of the 61,000 tons of Nitrates now being shipped to unoccupied countries in addition to supplying the full amount to be shipped to occupied countries. It also gives the Department of Commerce the authority to allocate nitrogenous materials, such as anhydrous ammonia.