

MESSAGE FROM J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ON  
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The school teachers of South Carolina are to be commended for their continuing effort to instruct our children in the problems of alcohol, and in its harmful effects upon our society.

Proper legislation in the control of alcohol has its effect, but laws can do little without a proper background of education. We must educate our school children from their earliest years as to the harmful effects of whiskey and narcotic drugs upon the human body, and we must teach them the value of temperance in the building of strong bodies and strong minds.

As Governor of South Carolina, I call upon our teachers and public school officials to observe Temperance Day by giving special emphasis to the need for a proper understanding of the vast human problems concerned with alcohol.