

STATEMENT BY STROM THURMOND, CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE, AT CAMPAIGN MEETING AT Gaffney, S. C., JUNE 9, 1950, 11 A. M.

Committee Assignments

My opponent claims that he ran out on the Democratic Party in South Carolina in 1948/because otherwise he could not have remained on the Committees in the Senate. Does he believe the people of South Carolina are so gullible that they will believe this transparent alibi?

We remember George Norris of Nebraska. He was a Republican, but he supported Mr. Roosevelt in every election. Mr. Norris never lost his places on the Agriculture Committee and the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. Bob LaFollette left the Republican Party/and was elected as an independent Progressive Senator from Wisconsin, but he never lost his position on the committees of the Senate.

South Carolina's senior Senator, Senator Maybank, respected his candidate's oath in 1948/and did not run out on the Democratic Party of South Carolina. Nor did he fail to tell the Democratic National Committee/that he was loyal to the instructions of the State Party's Executive Committee. Yet, Senator Maybank today is Chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

No, my friends, the people of South Carolina are not as stupid as my opponent seems to imply that they are. He has not explained his strange conduct. After denouncing Truman far and

wide, he says he suddenly thought of his committeeships. He crawled back/after the nomination of Truman, and not only supported him, but by his own boast raised money to elect Truman.

Thomas Jefferson once said that in his day/there were office hunters willing to give up principles for places, a numerous and noisy tribe. My opponent's conduct in bolting the Democratic Party of South Carolina/and supporting the man he said no decent white Southerner could vote for/proves that we have at least one man in our midst today/who fits the sorry pattern described by Thomas Jefferson.

*Seniority*

*Chmn. P.O. & Civil Service (o but reduced service)*