

PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF SEN. THURMOND (D-SC)  
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LEADERS IN TRADE BILL AMENDMENTS: Senator Harry Byrd (D-Va), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, shows Senators Strom Thurmond (D-SC), right, and Walter George (D-Ga.), left, the free conference report on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements bill as finally approved by the Congress, June 15. Byrd is pointing out that Thurmond's amendments providing protection to South Carolina textile and other industries have been retained in the new bill despite criticism that they afforded too much protection to domestic industries. George advocated the amendments in committee. Thurmond <sup>stated</sup> / his amendments prevent any further tariff cuts for three years on textile and other items that suffered "drastic" cuts at the recent GATT Conference at Geneva. The bill also provides continued world markets for American farm and manufactured products.