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STATEMENT OF STROM THURMOND, 2-31-54.

Senator Strom Thurmond announced today that he has withdrawn from the law partnership of Thurmond, Lybrand and Simons and has resigned as President of the Aiken Federal Savings and Loan Association, which he founded in 1951.

In making this announcement, Senator Thurmond said he was withdrawing from all outside business and professional activities which would detract from his duties in the Senate.

"The people of South Carolina have honored me with a seat in the United States Senate and I feel I owe to them my full time. For this reason I am withdrawing from the practice of law and all other connections which could in any way interfere with my work as a Senator from South Carolina."

Senator Thurmond stated that he would continue in the army reserve but by attending meetings of a reserve unit in Washington. This would not interfere with his duties as Senator.

Senator and Mrs. Thurmond will attend services at the First Baptist Church in Aiken Sunday and leave immediately thereafter by car for Washington. The Thurmonds will maintain their home here on Kalmia Hill in Aiken.