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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON THE SENATE FLOOR  
CONCERNING THE McCORMICK WATER BILL, APRIL 1, 1955

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate at this time take up Senate Bill 1217. This is a bill that would allow the Secretary of the Army to contract with the City of McCormick, S. C., to supply the city with 600 acre-feet of water annually from the Clark Hill Reservoir.

This bill would cost the government no money, and would at the same time alleviate a critical shortage of water in the area caused by the recent drought in the southeast. It is imperative that this measure be given swift action in order that the additional water be supplied to the city to prevent a shut-down by a large cotton mill upon which the entire community is dependent.

In order to expedite matters, I ask unanimous consent that HR 4436, as passed by the House of Representatives on Wednesday, be substituted in lieu of my bill, S-1217. The bills are very similar and would serve the same purpose. By substituting HR 4436 we can prevent further delay on final action in this matter.