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STATEMENT IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON
SENATOR BYRD'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE BUDGET, APRIL 1, 1957

MR. PRESIDENT:

The people in this country are more concerned than at any time in my memory about economy in government.

I believe the people are opposed to extravagance in government at any level and particularly in the Federal Government. The mail which comes to my office indicates that they are aroused and intend to seek and bring about greater economy in the Federal Government.

Senator Byrd has been a stalwart figure in the Senate for 24 years and has fought and earned the name of being the chief advocate of economy in government.

This year he has offered budget reduction suggestions amounting to a total of $6\frac{1}{2}$ billion dollars. These reductions would include $1\frac{1}{2}$ billion for national security activities; 2 billion for foreign aid and international affairs; and 3 billion for domestic civilian activities.

The Camden Chronicle, a newspaper in South Carolina, pointed out in a recent editorial that Senator Byrd "has a habit of going to the heart of matters in his public statements. He has done this in his analysis of the proposed \$71.8 billion federal budget."

Mr. President, I agree with this editorial and I agree with Senator Byrd. He is a great American and his recommendations on the budget should be followed.

Mr. President, I request unanimous consent to have the editorial to which I referred printed in the Appendix of the Record.