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Statement referring to address by James F. Byrnes

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MR. PRESIDENT, on Friday evening, May 17, speaking before the Ohio State Bar Association, a distinguished South Carolinian issued another warning against the United States Supreme Court's usurpation of power not granted to it by the Constitution.

I cite the words of this outstanding citizen for several reasons. He is retired and therefore has no ambition for political gain. He is experienced in all three branches of the Federal Government and served for four years as Governor of his State.

The speaker who addressed the Ohio State Bar Association last Friday evening was the Honorable James F. Byrnes -- former
Congressman and Senator, member of the Supreme Court, War Mobilizer and Economic Stabilizer, Secretary of State, and Governor of South Carolina. Few men in the history of our Nation have served in as many varied high offices of the Federal Government. Few have had the same opportunity to observe over the past half century from the same close vantage point the changes which have taken place in the Federal Government.

In his speech in Columbus, Ohio, Governor Byrnes discussed, in the light of recent decisions of the Supreme Court, "whether local governments can survive the present trend of the courts."

I want to call to your attention particularly one statement he made in his discourse. Governor Byrnes said:
"If the Supreme Court can alter the Constitution by its decisions, then five men — a majority of the Court — can make the Court a constitution maker/instead of a constitution defender."

But there are many fine points in the text of this address/which should be read by every American.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent/to have the text of the address delivered by Governor Byrnes/placed in the body of the Record following these remarks.

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