STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND IN THE
SENATE ON A NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL WITH
REFERENCE TO THE SUPREME COURT, JUNE 20, 1957

Mr. President, the United States of America was founded under the Constitution as a Government of limited powers.

In the establishment of the three branches of the Federal Government, the founding fathers wisely provided for the balancing of each with the others, as well as providing for checks on all three branches.

However, in recent years much of the wisdom which our forefathers used in the founding of the Federal Government has been submerged under acts which have unbalanced the three branches of the Government and given practically free rein to the Judiciary as against the Legislative Branch and, in some instances, the Executive.
Branch as well.

Mr. President, I am convinced the people of this country are more concerned generally about the trend of recent decisions of the Supreme Court than at any time in our history. They have reason to be concerned because the Court has usurped the Constitutional authority of the Congress, and, in effect, has itself employed the legislative power through judicial decree.

When this happens, the people have had their Government removed one step farther from them, because the Congress must answer to the people for its actions, while the Court answers to no one.

The concern of the people is clearly presented in an editorial which appeared in the June 19, 1957 issue of The State, a
newspaper published in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. President, I request unanimous consent to have this editorial printed in the appendix of the Record.

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