NEWS STATEMENT FROM SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON S. 1723,
A BILL TO AMEND THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE
JURISDICTION IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE THE NLRB DECLINES TO ASSERT
JURISDICTION, MARCH 29, 1957.

WASHINGTON-- Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) announced today that
he is co-sponsoring a bill which would amend the National Labor
Relations Act (Taft-Hartley) so as to give the States jurisdiction
in labor dispute cases when jurisdiction is declined by the
National Labor Relations Board.

The bill was introduced as a result of a recent Supreme
Court decision which declared that States could not take over
unfair labor practice cases even when the NLRB declined to act
in such cases.

Present law provides that the NLRB may turn over certain
cases to State jurisdiction, but it is so highly restricted
that none has been ceded under this provision.

Senator Thurmond pointed out that enactment of the bill he is
cosponsoring would clear up this legal no-man's land within
which no state or federal agency or court is empowered to deal with
a labor controversy.

"I do not believe the Congress ever intended that such a
no-man's land should exist," Senator Thurmond declared. "I
believe it would be to the advantage of all parties who might
become concerned in a labor dispute to have this indefinite
legal area made definite by enacting this bill into law."

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