

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 <sup>Relations</sup> Regulations 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  
co-sponsoring 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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