

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) RE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY PLYWOOD IMPORTER AND USER ORGANIZATION WITH REFERENCE TO S. 1598, A BILL INTRODUCED BY SENATOR THURMOND TO LIMIT THE IMPORTATION OF PLYWOOD, APRIL 20, 1957.

WASHINGTON--Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) issued the following statement today with reference to statements made by plywood importer organizations on his statement in the Senate on March 14 when he introduced S. 1598, a bill to establish quotas on the importation of hardwood plywood.

I introduced the bill because data presented to me by the plywood people of South Carolina convinced me that American plywood employers and employees were being severely injured by the increasing importation of foreign-made plywood. Statistics from Government sources definitely showed the tremendous increase in imported plywood.

The data supplied me at that time as to the shut-down in operations of plywood manufacturers came from the industry itself. There has been no reason for me to doubt the validity of the information which was secured by a survey made early this year by the industry.

The plywood people who presented their case of damage on behalf of the domestic industry have assured me they are eager to present their case to the Senate Finance Committee to which the bill was referred after 21 other Senators joined me in introducing it.

I hope an early hearing will be scheduled by the Committee to hear the testimony of all interested parties. The Committee can then determine the accuracy of the arguments presented both by the domestic producers and by the importers.

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