

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON THE PRESIDENT'S  
BUDGET MESSAGE, JANUARY 16, 1957.

I am glad to note that the President has recommended a budget in which expenditures will be less than receipts in the next fiscal year, and that he proposes to make some reduction in the national debt.

I wish he had not sought to place the Federal Government in a new field of expenditures by recommending an appropriation of \$451,000,000 for school construction assistance. Instead, the public debt should be further reduced. The States are entirely able to run their own school affairs, including providing sufficient funds. An appropriation for school construction would set a precedent and could be the opening wedge to federal control of our schools.

Of course, the appropriate committees of the Senate and House will have to review the details of the President's budget recommendations. I would not attempt to comment more specifically until the budget is thoroughly examined by the committees.

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