STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON VOTE TO RECOMMIT RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL, S-497, MARCH 28, 1957.

I voted this afternoon to recommit S. 497 to the Public Works Committee of the Senate because the bill contains between 300 and 400 million dollars in authorizations which have not been approved by either the Bureau of the Budget or the Army Corps of Engineers. All projects submitted to the Senate for a vote should first have been reviewed by the appropriate agency or department of the Government. The recommendation of the appropriate agency should be available to every Senator.

S. 497 is a bill containing authorizations of one and a half billion dollars. The 300 to 400 million dollars in projects which have not been properly reviewed offered an opportunity to swing the economy axe for which the people of this country have been crying.

If a project has not been properly recommended and the recommendation substantiated, I consider it a prime target for the economy axe.

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