Sen. Strom Thurmond (D-SC) today announced the appointment to his staff of Robert Owen DuPre of Walhalla, S. C.

DuPre will serve as a legislative assistant, replacing David Crum of Denmark who has been promoted to fill a staff vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Loretta Connor of Spartanburg. Miss Connor is returning to South Carolina because of illness in her family.

DuPre took both undergraduate and graduate work at the University of South Carolina, finishing law school there in 1953. Since then he has worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and in private business. He is married and has one child.

Crum is also a 1953 graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School. Prior to joining the Senator's staff, 15 months ago, he practiced law in Denmark with the firm of Crum and Crum.

Miss Connor served in Washington for a number of years with several South Carolina Senators, who have held the seat now occupied by Thurmond. She will make her home in Columbia.

"Miss Connor's services will be sorely missed," Thurmond said. "Her long experience in government and the work of the Senate and her devotion to duty made her a valuable staff member."

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