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I am happy to be a co-sponsor of Senator Cotton's resolution authorizing the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee to make a full study of all factors affecting commerce and production in the textile industry.

The decline of the American textile industry, since 1946, has been one of the most alarming trends in our national economy. Since 1946, employment in the textile industry has declined by 345,000 jobs. Today, incredible as it may seem, the textile industry has fewer jobs available than it did in 1933, at the height of the Great Depression.

This is a major problem in South Carolina. More than two-thirds of our industrial jobs are textile jobs. It is more than a South Carolina problem, however, it is also a national problem.

I am heartily in accord with the objectives of the resolution. As a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, I will fully support the proposed study if it is authorized.

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