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Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) today pledged his full cooperation toward making a Senate subcommittee study of the problems of the textile industry "a completely constructive and objective one."

Senator Thurmond is the only Southerner on the subcommittee, headed by Sen. John O. Pastore (D-R.I.). Other members, announced today, are Senators Alan Bible (D-Nev.), William A. Purtell (R-Conn.), Frederick G. Payne (R-Me.) and Norris Cotton (R-N.H.).

The Senator has already suggested that the subcommittee make field studies in South Carolina.

"We cannot expect that any single piece of legislation will work miracles in an industry as seriously depressed as the textile industry," Thurmond said. "We must develop a comprehensive program based on a thorough analysis of all of the causes of the decline of the American textile industry. We must make our approach a completely constructive and objective one."

Thurmond expressed the hope that the Commerce subcommittee will give careful consideration to the enactment of legislative import quotas and legislation removing the power of the President to over-rule the Tariff Commission. "One of the major problems," he pointed out, "is a government policy which encourages the development of textile industries overseas, at the expense of the domestic industry."

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