

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) FOR JAMISON CAIN, SIMS  
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I am bitterly opposed to the resolution reported by the Senate Rules Committee to provide that a majority of the Senate can terminate debate on a given subject.

Rule 22 protects the right of every Senator to fully present his views on any subject. This rule acts as a buffer to prevent a majority from overpowering a minority.

The present rule requires two-thirds of the members of the Senate, to wit: 64, to discontinue debate on a subject, and this is a reasonable rule. If this rule is changed so that a majority can terminate debate, then the Senate will no longer be known as the greatest deliberative body in the world. Such a change would severely damage the prestige of the United States Senate and be a tragic blow to Constitutional Government in our Country.

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