

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND, RECORDED FOR TELEVISION,  
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I hope the Senate Labor Committee will favorably report a bill, or perhaps several bills, guaranteeing democratic procedures in labor unions. Congressional hearings have clearly shown the need for legislation of this kind. Legislation should be drafted in such a way that it will be fair to labor, fair to management, and fair to the general public.

With this in mind, I have just introduced two bills in the labor field.

One would reverse a decision in which the Supreme Court fabricated a non-existent intent of Congress that labor unions, for all practical purposes, should be exempt from anti-trust laws. If this bill is enacted, the courts will be able to move to prevent unions from engaging in restraints of trade which are not necessary for legitimate functions of labor organizations.

The practices at which this bill is aimed include: Unlawful secondary boycotts, price fixing, exclusion of products and services from the market, elimination of new processes and developments, and restrictions on production.

The other bill I have introduced would give individual employees the right to sue labor unions for damages resulting from unfair labor practices. Employers now have this right, and it should apply equally to employees.

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