STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND, RECORDED FOR TELEVISION
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I hope and expect that the Senate Labor Committee, of which I am a member, 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. We are now seeking to draft such legislation in such a way that it will be fair to labor, fair to business, 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 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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