

STATEMENT BY SEN. STROM THURMOND IN ANSWER TO QUERY FROM
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It is probable that Congress will approve an extension of the Trade Agreements Act, in some form. It is not at all certain in what form the bill will pass the Senate.

I hope, certainly, that the Senate will be able to agree on some modifications of the bill as it passed the House. The Trade Agreements Act has been administered in a way which is detrimental to many of our domestic industries. In South Carolina, the Act has had an adverse effect on our vital textile and plywood industries.

Congress has assigned responsibilities to the Executive Branch which should be left in the hands of Congress.

The world trade situation has changed radically since the end of World War II. Industry has expanded greatly, both in America and in many foreign lands. The Trade Agreements Act, first passed in 1934 as "emergency" legislation, should be altered to better suit **changing times.**

I hope the Senate will consider the bill with the utmost gravity and in great detail, so that the best bill possible will be passed. I intend to testify before the Senate Finance Committee on Friday, and to exert every effort before the Committee and on the floor of the Senate to reclaim this power from the Executive Branch.

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