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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) RECORDED FOR  
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The labor reform bill has passed the Senate. I voted for it, because we have been able to strengthen it considerably since it was first drafted. I supported every effort to make it a more effective bill, both in Committee and on the Senate floor.

In committee, I offered several strengthening amendments. One of them, prohibiting labor unions from charging a fee for the unloading of trucks, was approved. It should be quite valuable to South Carolina farmers who ship produce to markets in the East.

Another of my amendments won approval on the Senate floor. This amendment maintains the right of both employers and employees to have a hearing conducted prior to an election to determine the bargaining representative of the employees. This amendment will make certain that the election issues are clearly presented to the workers before they are required to vote.

Additionally, I supported vigorously an amendment to permit union members to sue when their dues are spent for purposes other than collective bargaining. I told the Senate that labor union contributions total one third of the budget of the left-wing organization known as Americans for Democratic Action. I pointed out that Walter Reuther has presented a \$75,000 check from the United Auto Workers to the President of the NAACP. I know that union members in South Carolina bitterly oppose the use of their



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money to support these groups which advocate ideas alien to their own thinking. Even union members in the highly organized State of Michigan oppose the present use of their union dues.

The unions can render great service to their members if they will conduct their business in a proper way and spend their funds for the benefit of their own members. But if the union leaders continue their present conduct and continue to use union funds in improper ways, then the people of the country will lose faith in unions.

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