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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND RECORDED FOR TELEVISION,
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The Senate passed a public housing bill today. I voted against it for the following reasons: The first is from an economy standpoint. This bill will require the outlay of billions of dollars. Then, too, it puts the government into business which I think is objectionable. I was highly pleased, however, that the Senate saw fit to adopt an amendment I introduced to eliminate a provision in the bill which would have committed the financing of single family unit housing in the residential section. In other words, an individual house in a residential area could have been financed as public housing. This was simply a method of bringing about integration through infiltration.

I am pleased that I detected this provision in the bill and I am pleased that the Senate saw fit to accept my amendment and eliminate it. I think that the provision in this bill points up clearly that a Member of the Congress must be on guard to prevent legislation passing that contains objectionable features as this bill did.

I feel certain that the people of South Carolina would not want such legislation to pass the Congress as this bill contains.

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