

(76-21)

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON PASSAGE OF
STATES RIGHTS BILL BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JULY 17, 1958.

I am delighted that the House of Representatives has recognized the danger of Federal usurpation of the rights of the States and has passed the States' Rights Bill.

The Bill establishes the principle that a field of legislation is not automatically or necessarily pre-empted for the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal government by the passage of Federal legislation in that field. The companion measure in the Senate is a bill by Senator McClellan, of which I am a co-sponsor.

I am urging the Senate Judiciary Committee to report the bill promptly to the Senate, so that the Senate will have a chance to vote on it before the end of the session.

END