

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC), RECORDED FOR TELEVISION, JULY 31, 1958.

The Senate has adopted my amendments to the Military Appropriations Bill which block the Administration's plan to reduce the size of our ground forces.

The amendments set the minimum manpower limit of the Army at 900,000 men, of the Army Reserve at 300,000, and of the Marine Corps at 200,000. The bill also provides for at least 400,000 men in the National Guard.

I believe these to be the minimums consistent with our national security needs.

The improvements in the bill should aid in stabilizing Fort Jackson and Marine Corps installations in South Carolina, as well as strengthening the positions of our National Guard and Army Reserve units.

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