STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND, RECORDED FOR TELEVISION, AUGUST 14, 1958.

I have reached an agreement with the Senate majority leader, who is also chairman of the Democratic policy committee, that the Senate will have an opportunity to consider a States' Rights Bill before adjournment.

I hope a broad and meaningful Bill will be presented to the Senate. If a more restricted States' Rights Bill is presented, I shall support an amendment, substituting more general language. It will strengthen our position if a Northern Senator will agree to offer this amendment.

Some of the so-called Northern liberals have threatened to engage in a prolonged debate in opposition to States' Rights legislation. I hope they do. Some of these same Senators are also planning to try to amend the rules of the Senate next January and impose a gag rule to shut off debate.

If these so-called liberals talk at long length during this session, they will cut a ridiculous figure next January when they return to Washington to argue for a gag rule.

A full and free discussion can only bolster the cause of States' Rights.

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