Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a statement
which I am sending to the desk be printed in the body of the
Record. This is a statement which I issued on August 30, 1957,
too late to appear in the body of the Record; therefore, I make
the request at this time that it be printed in today's Record.

The statement was as follows:

In view of remarks made on the floor of the Senate
today (August 30, 1957), and later amended to appear
in the Congressional Record, by Senator Long of
Louisiana, I feel that it is necessary for me to issue
a statement.

I want to review briefly the course of events
which lead to my extended speech in the Senate on
Wednesday and Thursday (August 28 and 29, 1957).

At the final caucus of the Southern Senators on
Saturday, August 24 (1957), it was generally agreed
that an organized extended debate would not be held.
However, it was also agreed that each Senator was
on his "own" to oppose the bill as best he could.
From the beginning, I made up my mind that it was my
duty to oppose the bill strongly. Last week-end
(August 24) I prepared an address from the material
I had been assembling for a long time, although I
still had not decided how long I would speak.

After further consideration of the so-called
civil rights bill and the compromise proposed by
the House, I came to the conclusion that I should
make a long speech against the bill. Also, I came
to the conclusion that further consideration should
be given to the question of whether organized
extended debate should be conducted by the Southern
Senators.

When I arrived at this latter conclusion on
Wednesday (August 28), I went to Senator Russell's
office and told him that I planned to make a long
speech and suggested that he call the Southern
Senators into session again to consider the advisability of an organized effort. Senator Russell stated that if a majority of the Southern Senators requested him to do so, he would call them back for another caucus, but, that in lieu of such requests, he would not call another caucus in view of the previous understanding on Saturday (August 24) that each Senator would follow his own course.

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