

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) IN TRIBUTE TO THE
LATE MATTHEW M. NEELY, ON SENATE FLOOR, AUGUST 4, 1958

MR. PRESIDENT:

The late Matthew M. Neely/was a man who commanded the
respect and admiration of everyone/with whom he came in contact.
He was a man of ^{great ability and} strong character, and the force of that ^{ability and} character
enabled him to be an outstanding Senator.

I felt a special personal tie with Senator Neely for three
reasons: First, his daughter, Mrs. Corinne Neely Pettit, is now
living in the State which I have the honor to represent in the
Senate. Second, I had the pleasure of serving with Senator Neely
in the work of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, and there
I had ample opportunity/to observe his great ability for analyzing
and perfecting the legislation/which came before the Committee.
Finally, I attended Senator Neely's funeral, and, on that sad
occasion, I met his devoted wife and family. One could not meet
his family/without realizing that they were a great help and
support to him, and to his career.

The Senate feels his loss greatly, and I feel a sense of
personal loss.

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