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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) IN TRIBUTE TO THE
LATE W. KERR SCOTT, ON SENATE FLOOR, AUGUST 4, 1958.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attribute of the late Kerr Scott/which most impressed me/
during the time that I served with him in the Senate/was his
unflinching determination/to stand for those things which he
believed to be right. He was a rugged individualist in the best sense
of that phrase.

Senator Scott was one of the most vigorous and industrious
members of the Senate. I remember well that it was his custom/to
walk from his residence to the Senate Office Building each morning.
I remember, too, that he was among the first to arrive in his office,
and he was usually one of the last to leave in the evening.

Senator Scott was Governor of the great State of North Carolina/
at the time when I was serving as the Governor of my State. We came
to the Senate at about the same time/and we occupied neighboring
offices in the Senate Office Building. I shared with Senator Scott
the fellowship of the Senate Prayer Group. I respected him for his
strength of character, his warm and intensely human personality, his
quiet sense of humor, *his common sense and his naturalness.*

As a rugged individualist, he often found himself in the middle
of controversies. He did not mind that at all. He was always ready
to do battle, when a principle was at stake.

The Senate can never have too many members/with the kind of
courage and conviction/that motivated the late Senator from my
neighboring State of North Carolina.

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