

NEWS "SHORTS" FROM WASHINGTON
Office of Senator Strom Thurmond
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THURMOND IS NAMED
TO ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) has been given senior rank among four new members to the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee.

Responsible for overseeing the Defense Department, which spends approximately \$40 billion annually (or more than 60 per cent of the United States government's budget), the Armed Services Committee has an important say regarding all military installations-- such as those in various sections of South Carolina.

Thurmond, a brigadier general in the Army Reserve and a past president of both the national Reserve Officers Association and the Military Government Association, is expected to make many valuable contributions to the Armed Services as a member of the committee.

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REA BILL PROPOSED--Washington, D. C.

Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) is co-sponsoring a bill to return to the director of the Rural Electric Administration the authority to make REA loans to cooperatives. Such final authority now rests with the secretary of agriculture.

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BRISSIE VISITS STROM

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Lou Brissie, well-known South Carolina sports figure, who is now Commissioner of American Legion Junior Baseball in the United States, called on Senator Strom Thurmond in Washington recently. Brissie, ^{once} voted the most courageous athlete of the year as a result of his reaching the major leagues in spite of severe wounds suffered during World War II, lunched with Senator Thurmond in the Senate Dining Room.

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