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WASHINGTON, D. C. -- In retaining his position on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) today ranks fifth among eleven Democratic members.

Having jurisdiction in the fields of surface transportation, aviation, domestic and foreign shipping, communications, fisheries, and commerce, both between the states and foreign countries, this is one of the major committees in the Senate. Agencies answerable to this group include the Commerce Department, the newly-created Federal Aviation Agency, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Power Commission, the Federal Maritime Board and the Federal Maritime Administration.

In 1958, the Senator from South Carolina served on a special Commerce sub-committee set up to study the problems of the textile industry in an effort to make recommendations for improving the welfare of the industry and its more than a million employees.