WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 -- Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) led all U. S. Senate Democrats during the 1959 session in voting to reduce wasteful and extravagant government spending, according to a vote compilation just released by Congressional Quarterly.

The CQ tabulation shows that the South Carolina Democrat favored economy 82 per cent of the time on 63 test economy votes. Other Democrats following Thurmond were Senators Harry Byrd (D-Va.) 75 per cent, Willis Robertson (D-Va.) 69 per cent, and Frank Lausche (D-O.) 66 per cent.

Senators Carl Curtis (R-Neb.) and John Williams (R-Del.) scored 84 per cent in favor of government economy to lead their Republican colleagues. Thurmond thus rated third among the Senate's 100 members in casting economy votes. This marked the fifth successive year he has rated among the top economy scorers in the CQ's annual vote tabulation.

The CQ recently reported that Thurmond was one of three Senators who compiled a 100 per cent mark for being present for all roll call votes and quorum calls.