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WASHINGTON, Nov. 23--Recommendations put forward by a special U. S. Senate subcommittee to improve the welfare of the domestic textile industry are already bringing good results for the industry and its more than a million employees.

The subcommittee, composed of Senators John Pastore (D-RI), Strom Thurmond (D-SC), and Norris Cotton (R-NH), has won favorable action thus far on half of its 10 recommendations. Senator Thurmond, who hails from the leading Textile State, has been very active in urging implementation of the proposals.

The subcommittee report has been credited with playing a major role in the recent Administration reappraisal of its foreign trade policies. Earlier this month, President Eisenhower implemented a major recommendation by ordering the Tariff Commission to institute an immediate investigation to determine whether a fee should be imposed on low-wage cotton textile imports from foreign countries. A few years earlier a similar petition for an investigation was rejected by the President.

Much credit has also been given the subcommittee report for the successful renegotiation of voluntary textile quota agreements by the State and Commerce Departments with the Japanese Government earlier this year. As recommended by the subcommittee, imports were broken down more thoroughly into categories and quotas for each category were agreed on. Hard-hit gingham was one category which was particularly affected by this breakdown.

The Commerce Department has also set up the recommended Interagency Textile Committee and the Textile Advisory Committee to give consideration and advice toward eliminating adverse Government policies and improving conditions for the industry and its employees. In addition, the Commerce Department has begun implementation of another recommendation designed to lessen periodic curtailments and speedups or "stretchouts", as the employees call them.