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THURMOND IS
'MOST SOUTHERN'

WASHINGTON, November 30--South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond has again emerged as the leader in a voting record compilation by Congressional Quarterly, an independent Capitol Hill editorial service. This time Senator Thurmond's voting record on 63 key issues of the past Congressional session has qualified him to be called the "Most Southern" member of the United States Senate.

Earlier CQ tabulations had shown the Senator to be the leader among Senate Democrats in voting for government economy and also as being one of three Senators with a perfect record on attendance at roll call votes and quorum calls.

Senator Thurmond was scored as being in agreement with the majority of Southern Democrats on 61 of 63 party-splitting issues during the first session of the 86th Congress. Others who followed Thurmond in voting most consistently with the Southern majority were Senators John Stennis of Mississippi, Willis Robertson of Virginia, Harry Byrd of Virginia, and Herman Talmadge of Georgia.

During the 1958 session Senators Stennis and Thurmond were rated as the "Most Southern" voters of the Southern Senators.

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THURMOND SEEKS
BIG TEXTILE STUDY

WASHINGTON, November 30, 1959--Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) has asked the U. S. Tariff Commission to broaden the scope of the cotton textile import investigation which has been ordered by President Eisenhower.

In a letter to Commission Chairman Joseph E. Talbot, the South Carolina Senator stressed the need of conducting "a very comprehensive" investigation in order to arrive at an "objective determination as to the serious problem posed by imports of low-wage cotton textile and other cotton product imports from foreign countries." Thurmond told the Chairman that his studies, particularly as a member of the U. S. Senate's special textile subcommittee, had convinced him that "many inter-related factors combine to constitute the overall threat posed to our domestic cotton industry and the Government's cotton export subsidy program by cotton product imports."

At the same time the Senator asked permission to testify before the Commission when the hearings begin March 1, 1960.

During his service in the Senate, Senator Thurmond has been very active in his efforts to protect the domestic textile industry and the jobs of its more than a million employees against low-wage foreign competition.

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