STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) FOR HIS WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST OF JAN. 31-FEB. 1, 1959 (RECORDED JANUARY 29, 1959).

MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS:

Two of the principal issues before the Senate this week were in the fields of labor reform and education.

President Eisenhower made a number of proposals in the field of labor, and a bill incorporating these proposals has been introduced. I was pleasantly surprised at the substance of the bill. On the whole it deals with the well-thought-out recommendations of the McClellan Committee's interim report.

I am particularly pleased with the section of the bill which would give jurisdiction of the "no-man's land" to the States. Also, the bill attempts to tighten secondary boycott and organizational picketing provisions and to impose fiduciary status on those handling union funds. I agree that enforcement sanctions, in addition to criminal penalties, are essential.

Several advocates of milder labor legislation have said that the President's proposals will result in no reform bill at all this session of Congress. I do not agree with this reasoning. I believe they will help to put the legislative picture in its true perspective, since they attempt to deal with all the recommendations of the McClellan Committee and not just those agreeable to the union bosses.

While it appears on the whole that the Administration's bill is a considerable improvement over the labor reform bill passed by the Senate last year, I am not wedded to any specifics in this bill.
For example, I do not approve of giving authorization to the NLRB to certify building and construction trades unions as bargaining representatives without an election. In addition, the bill appears deficient in that it does not deal with use of union dues for purposes other than collective bargaining.

The Administration's bill is a step in the right direction, however, and I hope that we shall ultimately be able to give the working man protection from the big union bosses' arbitrary spending of his dues without accountability. There was at least one instance in the last election where a union member running for office contributed to his own defeat thanks to the union's heavy financial support of his opponent. This is wrong.

In the field of education, Senator Talmadge has introduced a resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment which would spell out the rights of the States and their subdivisions to control their own educational systems.

Senator Talmadge, the co-sponsors of his resolution, and I are all working for the same principles — the preservation of the rights of the States and adherence to the Constitution as written. We differ, however, as to the wisdom of proposing an amendment to the Constitution to clarify the right of the States to control education.

It is my opinion that the Constitution is already quite clear on this subject. The word "education" is not mentioned in the Constitution, and the Tenth Amendment reserves to the
States/all powers not specifically delegated by the States/to the Federal Government. I do not believe that the Supreme Court, any agency, or any individual, can change the Constitution except by the method provided in the Constitution. What is primarily needed today/is to stop the members of the Court from arbitrarily substituting their own personal ideologies/for the Constitution and the law.

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Much of my time this week has been spent in attending top secret briefings/in connection with my position on the Armed Services Committee. Since the Congress controls the purse strings of the Nation, it is the responsibility of members of the Armed Services Committee/to be satisfied in their minds that the needs of being met/by the authorization of adequate funds. Defense are/xexdxexxthatxadequatexxexxappropriatedx

We are making great strides in the field of defense, but have a real challenge to stay ahead of Russia. In order to do this, we must maintain a strong National Defense posture/and we must increase our progress in the missile, rocket and other vital research programs.

This is Strom Thurmond in Washington