STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) FOR TELEVISION,
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I have introduced in the Senate a resolution which would require legislative bills authorizing either contract commitment of Government funds or direct borrowings from the Treasury to have the approval of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Bureaucratic spending without authorization of the Senate Appropriations Committee has been responsible for much of the Government's extravagance. Under existing interpretation of the law, the Federal Government may well be pledged to spend or guarantee $84 billion of non-appropriated funds during the next 40 years.

Adoption of this resolution will, I feel, be an important move toward Federal fiscal responsibility.

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