

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND IN ANSWER TO QUERY BY JAMISON CAIN ON STATEMENT BY SAM BRIGHTMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, IN WHICH BRIGHTMAN SAID PAUL BUTLER WILL MOVE AT NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE TO DENY SEATS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION TO STATES WITH FREE ELECTORS LAWS, JUNE 23, 1959.

I do not believe the people of South Carolina will be dictated to by Mr. Sam Brightman or Mr. Paul Butler. I hope that all of the States of the South will follow a course which they consider to be best for the people of the South and the country as a whole, regardless of the position of Mr. Brightman or Mr. Butler. I trust that the delegates to the 1960 National Convention will have better judgment than either of these two gentlemen has demonstrated in dealing with the South. If not, the Democratic Party will be the loser, not the South.