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SENATOR THURMOND: Senator McClellan, in what particular features does the House bill, or the so-called Landrum-Griffin Bill excel over the Senate bill?

SENATOR McCLELLAN: The Landrum-Griffin Bill passed by the House of Representatives is much stronger and better than the Senate bill in the areas of secondary boycott, organizational and blackmail picketing, and also in its provisions dealing with the no-man's land problem. I earnestly hope the conferees will adopt the provisions of the House bill with respect to these subjects. It is most important that we have effective reform legislation on these vital issues.

SENATOR THURMOND: Are there any areas in which the House bill needs to be strengthened?

SENATOR McCLELLAN: Yes, the Bill of Rights as passed by the Senate is some better than the Bill of Rights provisions of the House bill. The language of the House bill regarding the fiduciary relationship of union officers to the members, prohibiting ex-convicts from holding union office, and insuring democratic election of union officers should be considerably strengthened.

SENATOR THURMOND: Should there be a stalemate in the conference, what would be the best action for the Senate to take?

SENATOR McCLELLAN: If the conferees are unable to reach an agreement the Senate should by all means accept the House-passed Landrum-Griffin Bill. Taken as a whole, it is a stronger and better measure and should be enacted into law.