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CONFERENCE CALL OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND ON LABOR REFORM LEGISLATION, AUGUST 14, 1959.

I am very pleased that the House of Representatives has today voted 303 to 124 to give final House approval to the Griffin-Landrum Labor Reform Bill. I commend all six South Carolina House Members for giving their support to this important legislation which means so much to the workers and the public.

If finally approved by the Congress, this bill, as amended, would make it possible to protect the workers and the public from racketeering and exploitation at the hands of unscrupulous labor bosses and those management officials who are in collusion with the labor bosses. Effective labor reform is one of the most vital needs facing this country today. It would be better, however, to have no bill at all than a milk toast bill which would contain only meaningless words and more power for the labor bosses to continue their corrupt practices.

The Griffin-Landrum Bill will now be considered either by the Senate or in a joint Senate-House Conference Committee together with the weaker Senate-passed version, the Kennedy-Ervin Bill. I shall continue my efforts to win final congressional approval of the Griffin-Landrum Bill, which I consider to be the strong and effective labor reform legislation which our country needs.