

CONFERENCE CALL OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND ON LABOR REFORM  
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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, <sup>by the House</sup> 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.