

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON SENATE FLOOR,
FEBRUARY 12, 1959.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The reception of the report of the special subcommittee/for the study of the domestic textile industry/which was submitted to the Senate on February 4/is most encouraging. Both news articles and editorials in the national press/have been most favorable. The most encouraging aspect of the reception given this report/is shown by the round of wage increases/currently being announced by the textile industry.

As an example of the influence of this report, I would like to quote from the statement of the J. P. Stevens Company announcing a general wage increase, and I quote:

"In its statement of a week ago/the Stevens company pointed out the dangerous situation created by textile imports. Since that time, the report of the Pastore Subcommittee, as approved by the full Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, has been published. This official document of the U. S. Senate/recognizes the danger of unrestricted textile imports/from cheap labor foreign countries. This inspiring expression from high legislative channels/encourages us to go ahead with upward wage adjustments in our various plants, even in the face of constantly increasing threats to the cotton, synthetic and woolen industries/from overseas. The Pastore Subcommittee report/leads us to believe that something affirmative will be done/to arrest the decline of U.S. textile manufacturing in recent years."

As a splendid example of the same sentiments, I ask unanimous consent that an ^{excellent} editorial from the Greenville News of Greenville,

South Carolina, which was published on February 9, 1959, be inserted in the body of the record at this point in my remarks.

Mr. President, Congress and the Administration must act expeditiously/to implement the recommendations of this report/in order that the confidence ~~repose~~ reposed in this report, ^{can be merited, as it} ~~which~~ has resulted in this well deserved increase in wages/for faithful and hard-working textile employees. ~~████████████████████~~

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