

STATEMENT OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON SENATE FLOOR WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOMINATION OF ADMIRAL LEWIS L. STRAUSS TO BE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MAY 15, 1959.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee yesterday concluded confirmation hearings on the nomination of Admiral Lewis L. Strauss to be Secretary of Commerce. All during these hearings I reserved judgment and comment. Upon the conclusion of these hearings, it was my intention to make a statement as to my impressions of the testimony and the conclusions left in my mind by the testimony on this extremely important nomination. Due to the fact that the hearings were terminated rather abruptly in order that the Senators on the Committee might come to the Senate floor for a roll call vote, I was unable to make any statement although I did place it in the record of the Committee hearings. So that the Senate may be aware of my conclusions from this testimony, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of this statement which I introduced in the record of the hearings be printed in The Record at this point in my remarks.

I also ask unanimous consent that there be printed in The Record at this point in my remarks the comments of the Senior Senator from Virginia and the nominee made on April 30, 1959, upon the occasion of the presentation of the Good Government Award to the nominee.