

STATEMENT OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, READ BY WILLIAM W. BODDIE ON  
THE PROGRAM "YOUTH SPEAKS" OVER RADIO STATION  
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As Governor of the State, I am particularly glad to commend  
YOUTH SPEAKS as it begins its third consecutive season.

Nothing clarifies the public mind on public issues like a  
good open, frank discussion of these issues. In the forum, YOUTH  
SPEAKS, teen-age boys and girls will be discussing those problems  
which are vital to them as high school students. At the same  
time, they will be establishing a habit, a custom in public dis-  
cussion which they will carry over into larger public issues...  
when they become the men and the women who will run this state.

I am not afraid of facts. I don't think anybody ought to be.  
I only want to be sure they are facts, and not prejudices and  
fancies. As the young people on YOUTH SPEAKS prepare their pros  
and cons on the issue they discuss, I hope they will always insist  
on facts to support their position. Nothing is so convincing as  
an array of verifiable facts to support any argument. Let us have  
more of them. Let us in this state, in public issues, insist more  
and more on having the facts. And on them, let us make up our minds...



how to vote...what position to take on public questions...and for that matter, how to carry on our businesses or professions.

I hope to be listening to YOUTH SPEAKS myself. Boys and girls are pretty smart these days, you know. . . and I expect these students from Olympia high ...Dreher high...University high... Brookland - Cayce high ... Columbia high...and other schools in the state, to teach us older people a lot about digging out the merits of a proposition. My best wishes to YOUTH SPEAKS as it begins its third year ... and may it continue its successful career before the South Carolina radio audience.

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