



The House-passed civil rights bill comes to the Senate as the formula to prevent discrimination. Closer analysis demonstrates that the measure is ineptly drafted, sets up vague legal standards, suffers from serious constitutional defects, and has yet to receive adequate Congressional study. In my judgment, if the people knew what was in this bill, they would not tolerate its passage.

If one is to really understand the language and implications of the bill, he must devote an immense amount of study to man's long and bitter struggle for freedom from governmental tyranny, as well as constitutional history and constitutional law. When all is said, the pending eleven section measure outlines a conflict between persons who place a different value upon incompatible things. The legislative struggle now going on is a conflict between those who prefer a supposed equality coerced by law over the freedom of the individual, and those who prefer the freedom of the individual over a supposed equality coerced by law.

The stakes are high for men who love liberty, for we cannot have both equality coerced by law and the freedom of the individual. Fundamentally, this bill involves the use of central governmental power. Advocates of this bill are willing to trample on traditional American liberties, among them the freedom from arbitrary discretionary power vested in a powerful central government. If the government is to assume the power to control attitudes and actions not physically injurious to the persons or properties of others based upon such attitudes, then government destroys the freedom of the individual. If it can do this to effect one purpose, it can do this to effect any or all other purposes it desires. It is for this reason that I think the freedom of every individual in this country is imperiled by this bill.

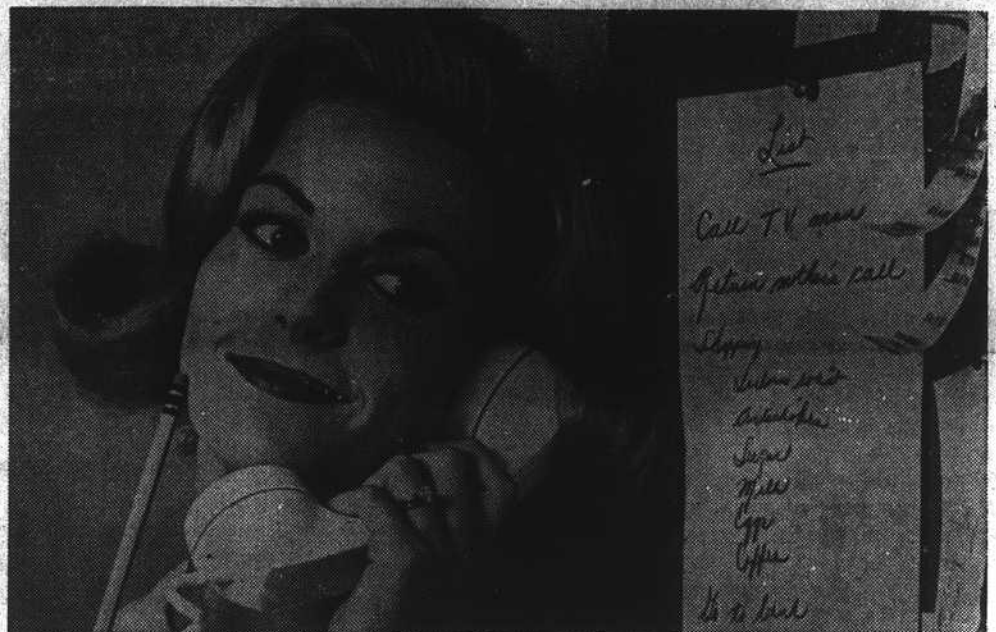
Title by title the bill is fraught with danger. Title I is unconstitutional. Titles two, three, four, and six of the bill relating to public accommodations, public schools, and Federal assistance of the States, communities, and local facilities thrust the hand of the central government in drastic ways into personal relations, into business activities, and into the fabric of individual liberty. Title VII grants the central government the power to supervise and control employers with respect to the selection, the promotion, the discharge, and compensation of their employees, and the terms, conditions, and privileges of their employment. Titles VI and VII strike at the whole concept of the free enterprise system. They would substitute for business acumen and judgment the deadening hand of bureaucratic decision.

In the final analysis, the House-passed measure rests upon the fallacious assumption that greater wisdom resides in unknown bureaucrats than in the talents and efforts of local citizens most concerned with intricate day to day human problems. It disregards the lesson of history that the protector soon becomes the tyrant.

In the search for the solution to mankind's age-old problem of how individuals can best live together, I take my stand for the freedom of the individual, because I think this offers a far better way than a supposed equality coerced by law.



A view of the new 12-bed intensive care unit at North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. Six beds are in private rooms. The others are in cubicles separated by curtains. The unit, which provides care for critically ill patients who need constant observation and professional care, will be expanded to 27 beds.



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