

fill them out and make an appearance in Chicago and so on, a lot of people are not going to. I think if there are legitimate complaints, they should be taken care of right here in Nebraska where they happen and do it through this grievance procedure and then if there is, either one that feels that they have been aggrieved from the decision of this court, they can go on to the State courts or the Federal court to get their relief further.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Marsh a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Marsh, would you yield?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, of course.

SENATOR STULL: Would you give us some instances where there has been discrimination, could you cite some instances where there has been discrimination?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, but this is not from personal knowledge, this is only from reading the report of the Equal Opportunity Commission. There have been instances where people of minority race buy gasoline in a filling station and the public toilet facilities are locked. One car just ahead of them was given the key to use the facilities and then when the black family asked to use the facilities, they were told that they were not in working condition. This later was proved untrue but there is no recourse without going to Federal court to bring this up. There are no teeth in the Nebraska law. There is no push for enforcement to encourage the owner of that filling station to have the facilities available for any person who comes in and spends his hard cash for the gasoline or the oil in that service station. This is just one of the instances of which I am aware. I have not served on this Commission. This legislation was requested by the Equal Opportunity Commission which is an appointive commission, appointed by Governors of various times, not all at one time. Mr. DeVoe served at the pleasure of the Commission and the Commission members and Mr. DeVoe feel this is an important piece of legislation which will facilitate the workings of their office to enforce and bring into accord the requirements which are now on the Nebraska statutes which they are unable to do because of the way the current legislation is written.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: I would like to ask one more question. I want to make a statement and then I'll ask the question. I have noticed in traveling around not only in Nebraska, but in a good many other states, that, especially at the eating places, they have a sign up on the door, no one is permitted to enter without shoes or shirts. Now, have you heard any complaints in this area?

SENATOR MARSH: This is not covered under the bill. This is the perfect right of the proprietor to set these rules. This is not a blanket decision because of a person's race or country of origin or sex. This is a health measure and they are fully within their rights to do this.

SENATOR STULL. Well, thank you. I'd just like to make one more statement--I've always supported the Committee, usually I support the committees in their decisions and it seems to me that the Committee made a decision here and I think that I will support the Committee's decision to not bring the bill to the floor. Thank you.

SPEAKER: There are several Senators who wish to speak. First will be Senator Fowler, Kremer, Barnett, Maresh, Kime, Warner and Syas. So, Senator Fowler--