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Opportunities Commission and as a member of that committee, my motion was definitely that this was a bill that was entered by the administrator of the Equal Opportunities Commission for the benefit of the administrator of the Equal Opportunities Commission. I've stated that I think any benefit that occurs to the public is going to be incidental. If we do bring this to the floor, if we do debate it, I urge you sincerely to take a look at the mechanics of the operation of the personnel of the Equal Opportunities Commission. I, as everybody else in the United States, am very interested in Equal Opportunity and antidiscrimination, this whole bit and included in that should be everybody which includes the employer, proprietor, and the private citizen and the best way to do that, in my opinion, is to control commissions and the bodies of government that are in direct contact with the governing of the people of this state.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes, then Senator Dickinson, then Senator Nore. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Marsh, the one with the red sweater.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KEYES: In Section 9, on Page 7, it says "any persons claiming to be agrees". Now in your intent up here in the bill, you say this bill should include Vietnam veterans returning in wheel chairs. Now I'm wondering if this comes into practice, if this law, if this bill should become law, you envision that because of this statement in your intent that all restaurants, all places of business would have to make accommodations for people with wheel chairs..in wheel chairs. If you was on the second floor and your stairway.. what is your feeling on this?

SENATOR MARSH: I'm sorry it does not happen to include that, sir. This..the intent of this bill and its actual wording does not include anything with the person with the physical disability. It, perhaps, should but it does not.

SENATOR KEYES: How come in your statement of intent, you include that and yet you say it doesn't cover it in the bill and if we did this, this would certainly work a financial hardship on a lot of institutions. Well, I don't say that it is wrong to say that a man can't go into a restaurant through a stairway or something if he's in a wheel chair but I don't think we could force all of them to do this. How come it is in the statement of intent if it isn't in the bill?

SENATOR MARSH: Sir, I do not have a copy of my intent at hand but this was what Richard Maresh wrote not Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR KEYES: Then, I would like to ask Senator Maresh while.. with the

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh, will you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: How come you have this in the..

SENATOR MARESH: Well, it was part of the testimony

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