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State Commerce like a hog or a cow or a pig or a chicken that's moving from one state to the other, then there is certain rights of mine which must be observed, it's under the State Commerce clause, so if the legislature can not see fit to give me and my family some rights of decency, a right to use a restroom if we happen to be on the highway, a right to enter an eating establishment without being insulted or turned away, if you can not do it from the stand point of humanity and decency, can we find something under some kind of a trade commission which would accomplish the same thing in the same way that the Federal Government has done. I as an individual would not ask anybody to do anything for me that they didn't choose to do, but they're other people who travel through this state and are unaware of the backward practices. There was a judge who was discriminated against in Omaha a few years ago with his family, and when the Omaha Administration found out he was a judge they were very apologetic, and persuaded him not to file any sort of complaint. A few years ago there were those of us who would like occasionally to take our families out, but when we knew that we could be turned away, a group of us went to various establishments and just sat down and demanded to be served, and we were served, and there was no disorder, and the police were not called either, because had they been called the proprietor would have had to explain that he was refusing us service because we were black, and that happened to have violated the city ordinance, so there was no problem on that score, what you're talking about in this bill is not the harassment of business men, you're talking about giving an agency the power to do what you've already given it the responsibility to do. If you're not going to pass this bill, I think you ought to tell these various people that they can do away with the hypocrisy, I was condemned last year, for saying the only difference between Nebraska's racism and that of Alabama's is that Alabama's is open and Nebraska's is hidden. Then why don't you allow them to do frankly what their practices do already and you don't want to correct. Let them put up signs telling me that me and my family can not come there and I would not attempt to stop. I'll carry enough food if I'm going to travel across Nebraska. Maybe there is a man like Senator Kremer who I do believe is sincere in his invitation, but to get from my house to where he lives, suppose I had to stop at a filling station and my child had to use the restroom. They'd tell him the doors locked so I'll say David you got to go behind the car, you got to go behind the bill board, go over here in the weeds. That's what I'm looking at, and I think all of the arguments that the Senators have brought up against this bill ought to be brought up against every commission in this state, but those commissions deal with special interest that the Senators have. This bill deals with my interests, so if because I sit in the legislature some of you are going to do this terrible thing, try to separate my personality and how you feel about me from this bill, and view it on it's merits, I think the bill should be placed on general file and if there are genuine concerns about the director having too much authority, then those issues can be delt with and they can be delt with aside from what the bill attempts to accomplish. He can be placed on the same footing as every other commissioner, and if Senator Proud would yield to a question, I'd like to ask him one?

SPEAKER: Senator Proud will you yield?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator Proud, would you be in favor of the commissioner of the Equal Opportunity Commission having the same authority and powers, no more no less than the commissioner