

1 passed there was a storm of ferment within this state,
2 and there was a storm of ferment when the Public Accommoda-
3 tions Law of the state of Maryland was passed.

4 Now, if we get into this area, and we take
5 state action which those appearing before the committee
6 admitted, that governmental action and state action
7 could mean hitting at the private action of people who
8 got their licenses and were authorized to do business by
9 the state.

10 We know that in the area of the Federal Civil
11 Rights Bill, that between private action and public action,
12 there is a gray area, sometimes narrow and sometimes broad,
13 but if we pass this amendment and then get into this
14 area of state action, then I am afraid that many of the
15 people of our state will be violently opposed to it, because
16 we will be leaning forward and beyond the Federal Law, the
17 state law, and beyond any concept and into an uncharted
18 sea, where our people will not know what we have meant.

19 They will have so many grave doubts about it
20 that we will cause to rise up a storm of opposition
21 against it.