

PROVIDENCE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PROVIDENCE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS IN REGULAR  
SESSION FEBRUARY 5, 1959, ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING MINUTE:

WE SUPPORT BILL No. S-31, H-1037, NOW PENDING IN THE  
RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PERTAINING TO FAIR HOUSING. WE BELIEVE  
THAT NO MAN SHOULD MEET HINDRANCE IN HIS SEARCH FOR HIS OWN FULL  
DEVELOPMENT. DISCRIMINATION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, RELIGION OR NATIONAL  
ORIGIN, IS WRONG IN THE SIGHT OF GOD AND MAN.

THE PROPOSED BILL WOULD MAKE IT A POLICY OF THE STATE THAT ALL  
SHOULD HAVE "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN DECENT, SAFE, SANITARY AND  
HEALTHFUL LIVING QUARTERS IN ORDER THAT THE PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND  
GENERAL WELFARE OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE STATE MAY BE PROTECTED  
AND INSURED."

THE PRESENT RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION  
WOULD HAVE POWER TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AND TO SEEK COMPLIANCE  
THROUGH CONFERENCE, PERSUASION AND CONCILIATION.

WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD HELP REALTORS TO GIVE  
EQUAL TREATMENT TO THOSE WHO WANT TO BUY OR RENT. WE BELIEVE THAT  
THE LEGISLATION WOULD WORK AGAINST SLUMS GROWING OUT OF RESTRICTED  
AREAS, AND THE CONCOMITANT EVILS GROWING OUT OF SLUMS. SUCH  
LEGISLATION WOULD ALSO SET A POLICY OF FAIRNESS IN THE STATE WHICH  
WOULD HELP THE INDIVIDUAL OBTAIN HOUSING IN KEEPING WITH HIS  
ECONOMIC ABILITY.

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