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WASHINGTON--TWENTY-TWO SENATE LIBERALS HOPING TO PRY PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S CIVIL RIGHTS PACKAGE FROM THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TODAY INTRODUCED THE OPEN HOUSING SECTION AS A SEPARATE MEASURE.

SEN. WALTER F. MONDALE, D-MINN., OFFERED THE BILL. IT WILL BE SENT TO THE SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE, WHICH IS CONSIDERED MORE RECEPTIVE TO CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION THAN THE JUDICIARY PANEL, PACKED WITH SOUTHERNERS.

ALTHOUGH THE BANKING COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY A SOUTHERNER, SEN. JOHN J. SPARKMAN, D-ALA., ITS ONLY OTHER SOUTHERNERS ARE SEN. WILLIAM B. SPONG, D-VA., AND JOHN G. TOWER, D-TEX.

FOUR OF THE COMMITTEE'S 14 MEMBERS CO-SPONSORED THE BILL. THEY INCLUDE MONDALE AND SENS. EDWARD V. LONG, D-MO., HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, D-N.J., AND EDWARD V. BROOKE, R-MASS.

MONDALE'S MOVE WAS PART OF THE STRATEGY DEVISED BY SENATE LIBERALS WITH THE BACKING OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS.

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