

page 8, line 5, strike the period and insert. (See FA374 on page 234 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President and Mr. Clerk. Members of the Legislature, this amendment that I will discuss I'm going to have handed out to you so that I can present them to you in the order that they were filed on the Clerk's desk, but while it's coming around I will tell you where the amendment is located in the bill...or the committee amendment and what I would like to see done. On page 8 in line 5 it would deal with the matter that I was discussing earlier this morning about the 30-day period in which a complaint can be filed. As Senator Warner pointed out to you, this language relates to the area of public accommodations and you will see that if you turn to page 6 in line 1. The purpose of what we're doing as this language says on page 6, starting in line 5, seek to eliminate and prevent discrimination in places of public accommodation because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status as defined in Section blank, handicap as defined in Section blank, or ancestry. Then, when we come to page 8, this is the existing language. It is new language but it is in the amendment in this form. In line 4, "A complaint shall be filed within thirty days after the alleged act of discrimination." What my amendment would do, and you'll see it when it comes around, after the word "discrimination" on line 5, strike the period and insert this language: "or after the complainant has knowledge of such alleged act of discrimination but not more than 60 days after the alleged act." In talking to Senator Schimek, she made a valid point about having this totally open-ended, although I think she understood the concern that I have. When a black person or anybody who is nonwhite and has a complexion dark enough to not be white or a texture of hair, or a broadness of nose, or a fullness of lips that would indicate that you're not from the cold northern regions of Europe, they will tell you if you go to a hotel to rent a room that they may have no rooms available when, in fact, they do. Many people who fit the description that I just gave who are not welcome to stay in these places are deemed suitable to work in these places. On occasion, they become aware that such an act of discrimination has taken place and they'll notify the person that there were