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**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment, a rewrite of an amendment that I'd offered earlier. Senator Warner and I had engaged in a discussion about it. What the committee amendment would do is extend the period of time during which a person can file a complaint about discrimination in public accommodations from 10 days to 30. I had thought that that was not enough time because of the fact that a person may not become aware of the nature of the act within that 30-day period so, instead of using a method that I had settled upon, in discussing with Senator Warner on the floor, I agree with him that it's a much simpler process to just say the complaint must be brought within 60 days. While on that other amendment, I didn't have the opportunity to make this particular point that I'm going to at this time. If, within a 60-day period, the person is not aware of the nature of this act or if he or she's become aware of it and has not taken some kind of action, then that complaint is foreclosed and perhaps it really ought to be. It's difficult for me to say that, but in view of the way that these complaints have to be processed, evidence or information gathered, witnesses talked to and so forth, the more time that passes the less likely it is to be able to establish facts, so the 60-day period is that which we had decided during our discussions on the floor would be the best approach to take. It lengthens the period but it puts a cut-off point. That is what is before you today. It would strike 30 and insert 60 as the number of days from the act of discrimination within which period a person has to bring that complaint.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Warner.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, briefly, I indicated earlier on the amendment that was drawn that I thought 60 days rather than the criteria that was...I think would be difficult to determine in the original amendment, that this would be better. I, again, call your attention though that current law is only 10 days. We went to 30. This is 60, which I think is probably getting at the very maximum but certainly these kind of instances, when they do happen, and this deals only with public accommodations, that what occurred at a