

# Repeal of Rumford Housing Act Likely

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SACRAMENTO—The Rumford Housing Act, subject of a 1964 ballot initiative and many controversies since, likely will be wiped off the books this year, to be replaced with a new law carrying out most of its features.

The Rumford bill, adopted in 1963 after members of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) sat and slept in the capitol halls for three weeks, generally prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing because of race, creed, color, religion or national origin.

Proposition 14 in 1964 overturned and prohibited such limitations by the legislature in the future. It was approved by an overwhelming vote but since has been overturned by both the state and U. S. supreme courts.

AT THIS SESSION of the legislature, several bills were introduced to repeal the Rumford Act. Most prominent of these, SB 9 by Sen. Hugh M. Burns, D-Fresno, president pro tempore of the senate, was approved by the senate and sent to the assembly.

In the lower house, however, there were several bills which would make only modifications to the housing act. One of these was AB729 by Assemblyman William T. Bagley, R-San Rafael.

The strategy in the lower house now seems to be that certain provisions of Bagley's bill would be amended into the Burns bill. The main feature is that it would exempt from the non-discrimination provisions single family and owner-occupied residences. It would cover housing only when one person owned five or more units.

THESE FIVE units could be apartments or houses and could be anywhere in the state.

Another important part of the lower house strategy is that the new bill would be titled the "Burns-Bagley Act" and would replace the Rumford Act.

The name of former assemblyman W. Byron Rumford, D-Berkeley,—he was defeated in a try for the state senate in 1966—has become so sym-



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King moved to California from his native Salt Lake City in 1922 and attended Los Angeles High School. He served with the Army in the European Theater of World War II from 1942 through 1945.

He is president of the El Camino Kiwanis Club and former senior warden and treasurer for St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach.

King and his wife, Adrienne, have a 22-year-old daughter, Victoria. They live at 116 Via Sego, in the Riviera section of Torrance.

in the civil rights movement in California concerning housing that many legislators feel the best thing would be to give the law a new name. How effective this would be is another question.

Meanwhile, there was some question as to whether Senator Burns cared to have his name associated with any housing act, even if it were an act less objectionable to many people than the present Rumford Act.

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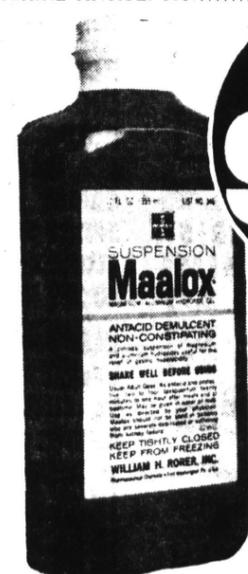


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