

There was testimony by the Head of the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, that:

There are some who have said that these problems can be solved by means of persuasion and mediation. We have attempted this approach, with some success, but we also recognize its limitations.

Persuasion will not solve the problem in a locality where all establishments but one want to desegregate, but cannot do so for fear of giving a competitive advantage, ^{increased} in white trade, to the one ^{localit} exception. It cannot solve the problem in a ~~XXXXXX~~ ^y ~~XXX~~ where feelings of white supremacy are so ingrained that voluntary action is impossible.

This evidence raised the problem of the competitive disadvantage to which restaurants clearly affecting commerce would be subjected if they alone ^{in their communities} were required to serve customers without regard to their color or race--a disadvantage in itself injurious to interstate commerce.

Furthermore, ~~XXXXX~~ the testimony before Congress was that discrimination by restaurants was not confined to a single State or region; it was widespread and presented a nationwide problem. Senate Commerce Hearings, at ____.

Discrimination in one restaurant in one city affected the practice of discrimination throughout that city, and in view of the national scope of the practice, ^{was} ~~is~~ not unrelated to discrimination in distant localities. Thus, while Congress focussed on