

Opening Of Foster Parents Inc. Hdqtrs

REVISE OPINION

Civil Rights Leaders Disappointed In Percy



WASHINGTON - (NPI) -- Two civil rights leaders have attacked Sen. Charles H. Percy (R.-Ill.) for turning down a request by civil rights leaders to co-sponsor President Johnson's 1967 Civil Rights Bill.

"It's pretty shameful. We thought he was all out on civil rights and now we'll have to revise our judgment," said Clarence Mitchell, Washington NAACP representative. Percy is prominently mentioned as 1968 Presidential possibility.

"IT SEEMS to us it's not necessary to sponsor," an aide to Sen. Percy said. "The Senator will vote for the legislation if it comes up in the Senate."

So far, 22 Democrats and five Republicans have agreed to co-sponsor the bill. GOP Senators who have signed up as sponsors are Edward Brooke (Mass.), Clifford Case (N.J.), Jacob Javits (N.Y.), Hugh Scott (Pa.), and Hiram Fong (Hawaii).

Joseph L. Raugh, Jr., counsel for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, recalled freshman Sen. Percy's vote against a move to restrict filibusters at the start of the session.

"His ability to talk one way and do nothing is unparalleled."

The bill has been sliced into six sections in hopes that it will have a better chance of passage.

A key feature of the bill--a ban on housing discrimination--is given little chance of passage. But other provisions, such as prohibition of jury discrimination and protection of civil rights workers in the south--being less controversial--may pass.

An auspicious occasion for a most deserving organization--ribbon cutting ceremonies to herald the opening of Foster Parents Inc. Headquarters at 2151-1/2 Mesquite--While state, religious and community officials look on, "official ribbon cutter" Juanita, foster daughter of Mrs. Viola Williams gets assistance from Smokey Stover (left) President of Foster Parents and Lt. Governor Ed Fike as her foster brother, Dave, son of Mrs. Williams appears fascinated by intricacies involved...Next to the Lt. Governor is Mrs. Connie Currie holding her infant baby girl Kerte, then, Terry Dalton from the Welfare Department, Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson, Father La Vog, Don Hall, Ass't Chief Probation Officer of Clark County, and Assemblyman Austin Bowler.



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