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I have spoken to Mr. Ruddy of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Senator Hunt's bill, attached. He has done the work in the past on the Equal Rights Bills.

He says that while the Committee has not yet officially given Hunt's bill its consideration, a few members of the staff have discussed it. They seem to agree that Section 2 of the bill would be unconstitutional, because it would nullify any and all state laws affecting this whole field.

Therefore, while Hunt assures the Governor in his letter that his bill would not adversely affect alimony and divorce laws, community property or states' rights, this leaves the question of labor and welfare laws up in the air. I do not think that, in view of the Governor's previous opposition to the Equal Rights amendment, he would want to go on Hunt's bill at this time.

Francas concurs in this recommendation.