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My bill would give an office in the Department of Labor the same authority to receive and process complaints as an independent commission would have. But it would do <u>more</u>. It would authorize the administrator of this Fair Employment Practices Program to initiate investigations, studies, surveys and discussions on the development of equal job opportunities for all citizens---particularly those who need help to be trained in new skills.

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Let me give you an example: A few years ago, German consumers were able to buy U.S. poultry by paying a five cent a pound import duty. Today, import fees have jumped to more than 14 cents. The result is that German imports of U.S. poultry this year amound to only 40 per cent of the level of last year.

Senator Dirksen and I have asked in our resolution that the Administration take all possible steps to maintain our traditional European markets for our farm products. We can not stand by while the Common Market moved toward protectionist, trade-restricting policies. Finally, let me report to you briefly about a significant and awesome prediction made during recent committee hearings I conducted on the role of technology in our economy.

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Right now, our country and economy must create 300,000 new jobs every month. The best way to express the impact of that need is to say that we need to create the equivalent of three complete General Motors Corporations in the United States every month.

I think any American who understands the immensity of this need will also understand and support the President's programs of manpower training and his policies of tax reduction and other steps to strengthen and expand our economy.

Thank you.

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