

STATEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON LEGISLATIVE
PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF A CIVIL RIGHTS
COMMISSION, THE CREATION OF A CIVIL RIGHTS
DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND FOR
THE AMENDMENT OF THE VOTING AND CIVIL RIGHTS
STATUTES IN CERTAIN RESPECTS INCLUDING THE
ADDITION TO BOTH OF PROVISIONS FOR THEIR
ENFORCEMENT BY CIVIL REMEDIES IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE.

BEFORE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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In his State of the Union Message, President Eisenhower said that his administration would recommend to the Congress a program to advance the efforts of the Government, within the area of Federal responsibility, to the end that every person may be judged and measured by what he is, rather than by his color, race or religion. Recently I transmitted to the Speaker of this House and to the President of the Senate our proposals on this subject. I am grateful for the opportunity to appear before this Committee to discuss these proposals and to comment, as well, upon other proposals relating to this same subject which are already pending before this Committee.

My letters to the Speaker of the House and to the President of the Senate recommend Congressional legislation on four matters: First, creation of the Bipartisan Commission on Civil Rights recommended by the President in his State of the Union Message; second, creation of an additional office of Assistant Attorney General to head a new Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice; third, amendment of existing

