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The Senate has scheduled for consideration tomorrow an omnibus housing bill. This bill is the most ambitious socialistic measure presented to the Senate this year.

One of the principal reasons why I am bitterly opposed to this legislation is the public housing section of the bill, the underlying purpose of which is to promote racial integration. The bill would establish a legislative policy of allowing the acquisition of scattered one and two-family units of public housing throughout residential communities. Proponents of this bill frankly admitted during the hearings of the Banking and Currency Committee that this method of "infiltration" is necessary to overcome resistance to integration of housing.

The bill advocates "social and recreational guidance" to assist families to become good tenants, and provides an \$8 million windfall which authorities might use for this vaguely defined guidance. It is entirely likely that this guidance would, in many areas, take the form of an attempt to educate tenants in the supposed benefits of racial integration.

One of the most objectionable features of the bill encourages the use of public housing by middle class families who could afford to buy or rent homes through normal channels. The apparent object of this legislation is to inaugurate a federal policy of controlling the racial complexion of neighborhoods to insure residential integration.

The bill, in short, proposes a mammoth federal subsidy for racial integration through public housing.

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