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When — therefore — we are confronted with proposals to legislate upon the question of human rights — we may — with wisdom and propriety — pause to consider whether our efforts are likely to result in a broadening of our rights and privileges — or whether perhaps we shall not blunder into curtailing them.

Thus — if in some statute or constitutional amendment — we undertake to embalm a catalogue of the rights of man — and through oversight we omit one item — it may be open to the courts to decide that because our Bill of Rights omits this particular — no such right exists.

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