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I am horrified at this bill! So "Right To Rest Act" means that anyone without a "home", ie the homeless, can camp, litter and vandalize on any public property with very few provisions? So public property can no longer be used by us "normal folks" who have homes but always assumed that public parks were safe places to go with our families to picnic, have family reunions at? Our streets can be littered with cars and mobile homes that people can live in as long as they are legally parked?

And who is going to clean up after the homeless? Put out their fires? Police their drugging and looting? Because those of us with "homes" are really tired of dealing with homeless people and the problems they bring. I feel for the homeless, no one should be without a home. But what is the long term solution? Take away all public properties and then have government officials wash their hands of all the problems it has brought and will continue to bring?

And why in the world would we, as voters, vote to obtain or maintain public property, such as parks, if they are being given to the homeless?

Let's think things through first. That would be a first. No on this bill and no to any candidate who votes on it!