IT'S IS A YEAR AGO THIS MONTH that the late President Kennedy sent his Civil Rights Bill and message to the Congress. For two years, we had been chiding him about failure to act in this field. At long last, and after many conferences, it became a reality.

AFTER NINE DAYS of hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee, it was referred to a subcommittee. There it languished and the Administration leadership finally decided to await the House Bill.

IN THE HOUSE it travelled an equally tortuous road. But at long last, it reached the House floor for action. It was debated for 64 hours. 155 amendments were offered. 34 were approved. On Feb. 10, 1964, it passed the House by a vote of 290 to 130. That was a 65% vote.

IT WAS MESSAGED to the Senate on Feb. 17 and reached the Senate Calendar on Feb. 26th. The motion to take up and consider was on March 9. That motion was debated for days and on March 26 by a vote of 67 to it was

It is now 4 months since it passed the House. It is 3½ months since it came to the Senate Calendar. Three months have gone by since the motion to consider was made.