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The 1989 Americans With Disabilities Act is about eliminating discriminatory barriers .

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This is how American women won the right to vote .

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And it is how African-Americans and other minority groups were guaranteed their equal rights as citizens in this nution .

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Disabled Americans have had their civil rights guaranteed in all federally funded programs since Section 504 was passed as a part of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act .

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The 1989 act simply extends these guarantees to the private sector .

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Those who fear a plethora of suits paralyzing our legal system need only look at the record on the Rehabilitation Act .

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Without legal recourse . there are no guarantees of civil rights for anyone .

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