

stripped from my hide but I am going to take it and persevere. However, on this particular proposal, I don't have that much personal knowledge of the circumstances or the programs involved, and since we are only dealing with those that are mentally handicapped and there is not too much concern about them anyway, I am not going to lose any flesh over this one. I don't know whether the care they will receive at Beatrice is the same as that they will receive at the Regional Center. I don't know whether we are dealing with warehousing where you have got room for 10 boxes at Beatrice and you have got 10 boxes that you don't really want to deal with at the Regional Center so you just shunt them down to Beatrice and fill up that space they have there, but since it is the will of the Appropriations Committee to deal in this fashion, and there are Senators who regardless of how they feel on the issue they are going to support the package, and nobody else sees a problem with this, I will just suffer in silence on this one and withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers would move to amend by striking the elimination of Agency 68 which is the Mexican-American Commission.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, this item is found on page 4 of the Appropriations proposal and it is down toward the bottom of the page. The Agency is 68 and the Program is #537. I can really see why this agency would be stricken because Chicanos, Mexicans, Hispanics, whatever term people use to designate them, they are nonwhite people, but in addition to be nonwhite, they speak a different language. They have different customs. They have a different culture, and because of these things, they are foreign in the pejorative sense of that word to everything American. So why should the state have an agency designed to help these people who have peculiar problems because they are so foreign and out of the mainstream. But despite the fact that the Appropriations Committee and that a majority of the Legislature in adopting this package may feel the same way that groups such as this need no voice in state government, I probably will lose on this one, too, but I, at