

organizations created from within the groups themselves. This country became known, as you know, as the melting pot. That melting pot included, included a system that developed, whether it was for the Irish, the Italians, whoever, developing their own internal organizations to help bolster themselves and mesh themselves into American society.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: If we are going to say the Mexican-Americans or the Indians need a special taxpayer financed advocacy, then why not a dozen other races who may be nonwhite or who may be new in terms of immigration into this country. I think the kindest thing, the kindest thing you can do on most of these advocacy systems is to allow them to go out of existence as official pawns of government and financed by government and allow them to have whatever power, strength, ability, financing they can get on their own, and certainly the resources are within any of these groups to do that. So for that reason I will not vote for the amendment and for the secondary reason it would, I think, begin the destruction of this overall package.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins, and next is Senator Warner.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, I don't have much hope for your amendment passing but I will support it. I would also like to offer an idea because I know that many of us share the same beliefs on these human service agencies. It is my belief that the Mexican-American Commission, the Indian Commission, and all the various ethnic groups that we have that we try to help to adjust, we have the Commission on the Status of Women being eliminated for \$195,700, it is my belief that each one of these organizations, associations, commissions sprang up for one purpose in the beginning and that was to gain equal opportunities. As I say, I am going to support this amendment. What I would like to see us do if the budget stays the way it is or the way the Appropriations Committee brought it in is to take one person and put them on the Equal Opportunity Commission to be the representative for the Status of Women, take one person...Mr. Chairman, could I have a little order over here on the north side, please.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will try, Senator Higgins. (Gavel.)