

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Senator Chambers, you may close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I am going to try to deal as quickly as I can with some of the remarks Senator DeCamp made. He gave the old bootstrap philosophy, pull yourself up by your bootstraps, and you know the response to that, when you have no boots, there are no straps. It is ridiculous to talk about people who are poverty stricken generating money from within and he knows about programs, the IDA bonds, industrial development bonds to help these white businessmen go into business. He doesn't say let them reach in their own pockets and pull themselves up by their bootstraps. He talks about advocacy agencies not being the business of government, yet who advocates the banks and their interests? They have all that they need in this Legislature. They don't need an agency. They have got the Department of Banking. So within the structure of government are agencies who look after the interests of white people and white groups and Senator DeCamp knows it. To talk about a program having been mishandled and use it as a justification for no program is preposterous. He said that by assisting Indians and others who have been virtually destroyed by the racism in this country has made them dependent. The programs didn't make them dependent, Senator DeCamp. The racism and the vicious actions did it. If we are going to say that programs which have made people dependent is a justification for abolishing the program, why did 27 of you hat up and go to Washington to speak for the white farmers? How many times has anybody in this Legislature taken a trip anywhere to help any group not white? You went to Washington because you said the programs have made the farmer dependent on the federal government and now it is time to correct that, not abolish programs, correct them and make appropriate actions that would benefit the farmer. But now you say abolish the agency which was created a cripple, which was never given enough staff, never given the statutory authority to do the job that people think it ought to do. Senator Higgins saying put a member of all these various commissions on the Equal Opportunity Commission would in effect destroy that commission because its job is entirely different from what these agencies are to be and that agency was created and maintained as a cripple. When we try to get changes in legislation, such people as myself, so we can really get at the discrimination in the business world against minorities,