

Chambers, when he talks about he is the only person that goes out and helps these different groups, and I think there is others of us in here that have from time to time and quite often looked further than just inside this body and go out across this state and try to help minorities and people that have problems no matter what race or color they are. With that, I do support the Senator Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members, I doubt that any member, and I know myself, I doubt that any member is either voting for or against these various commissions on the basis of any personal feelings towards any other member of this body, and I mean that. I happen to believe as a matter of philosophy, if you would, that we have done more damage, we have done more damage by taking the scope of government and repeatedly and regularly over the last, well, about the last 45 years having government use taxpayer money to provide funds or create groups that then become little more than lobbying agents in themselves for additional tax money or additional programs, entities that they are going to set up. Senator Chambers suggested that I believed in the bootstrap theory and he is correct, and in the bootstrap theory I think history shows it does work long term, and that the real act of treating people as inferior, the real act, Senator Wesely, of treating people as not equal, is to continually create special government commissions that keep telling people you are inferior, therefore, we need to keep helping you, therefore, have some more money, have a new program. I am not discounting the ability or the right of various groups to have their own things lobbying government, whether it be farmers, whether it be bankers, or any other group. I am, as a matter of philosophy, convinced from my experience in government that we should begin shrinking the scope of government and that is effectively what the Appropriations Committee did for the first time ever, at least the first time I can ever remember, when they decided to terminate, so to speak, agencies. It changes the base of all of government operations for the future. I think my record on minorities, at least in my opinion, is as good as any. Senator Chambers may disagree. What I think it gets down to is what each of us perceives to be the act of helping somebody. Sometimes what one individual views as help another views as hurt, and in this case, and in the cases of most of the advocacy agencies, in fact, I would go