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LB 216, 314, 386, 389, 633
LR 153-162

SENATOR CROSBY: The motion fails. Mr. Clerk, do you have items or anything?

CLERK: I do, Madam President, thank you. Amendments: Senator Chambers, (LB) 216, to (LB) 386, (LB) 633; Senator Tyson, (LB) 314. Notice of hearing from the Agriculture Committee. Study resolutions 153-162, all calling for studies, all to be referred to the Executive Board. (See pages 2118-27 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, Senator Chambers, I now have AM2310 in front of me, Senator, \$100,000 for mental health programs for Native Americans. (See page 2127 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the tribes, two of them, had come to the Appropriations Committee, requested this appropriation. It was not...an appropriation was not included at an amount sufficient to assist the tribes in the way they felt was needed. Another senator had indicated he was going to have this amendment drafted, but didn't do so. It was brought to my attention last night so I had to have it drafted, and had it been done in the way that the tribes thought there would had been the opportunity to provide you with some information justifying this amount. And if I recollect what had been told to me, the appropriations for mental health in other areas over a given period of time has increased at a rate of 400 percent for that period, whatever the time was that they were calculating, and this has remained basically the same. So what I have been asked to do, and I think that it is justified, is to seek this increase of \$100,000. And while my time goes on, I'm going to look on my desk because I think I may have some information that I can share with you. This is some information from the Winnebago Counseling Center and I'm not going to read the entire letter because there are parts of it that would just restate the attempts to persuade the Appropriations Committee to put this amount in and then there are some figures given which I will not go through, but a couple of paragraphs that relate to how there exists justification for this increase. Non-Indians received