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Omaha and Lincoln have the Indians yes, but they don't have the Indians in my judgement who believe in the expansion of the culture of the Indian race, who want to get the Indians accepted on the basis what they are entitled to by law, and by their desire and by the desire every white people. We've got to start some place and the only place we can really start is to have the Indian, the tribe, and I'm not an expert on Indian affair but if the tribe don't represent the Indian, who does? I think this bill ought to be passed as amended and put the responsibility back in the tribe solely, and if the tribe wants to recommend those who are now on the commission, I'd have no objection to that. Well that's all this thing does, this is a big important problem, and it's a problem this state has a prime interest in and a prime responsibility, we got to do something about it, the whole point what can we do, I don't know, I think we have to start from the commission. I think it ought to be composed of those people who by their very tribe and their very basic culture and interest, they represent the tribe.

**SPEAKER:** Is there any further discussion of the motion. The Chair next recognizes Senator Lewis. Frank Lewis.

**SENATOR FRANK LEWIS:** Mr. Chairman, members of the legislature, I was a member of the committee that heard this bill, I also had an opportunity to look at a number of commissions that we have created. In no case have we ever suggested proposals that were as restrictive as these. I am currently requesting a list of all commissions, their salaries, their members, and their attendance records. One of the latest that I looked at was introduced by Senator Carpenter, last session, for the creation of the commission of Mexican-Americans. The provisions in that law, contain none of the restrictions that he is proposing for this particular one. I also note that the Nebraska commission on alcoholism, not only does it restrict not restrict membership, but it says the director and any two members can call a meeting. I agree that we have a problem in this country as far as minority groups, including the American Indian, but I think that we are adding to the problem when we say we've got these hundred and one commissions, we've got these and this commission and that commission can do as they please, they can meet as often as they please, and where they please, but now wait a minute, when it comes to this commission, let's restrict them, in number of meetings, in attendance, I think we ought to look at all of these commissions and see what their attendance record is, and I will be the first to support Senator Carpenter's motion for elimination of members who do not attend if we make that consistent, and I am, stand to oppose the amendments that make this discriminatory as far as number of meetings, as far as attendance, unless we've got the guts to get in there and say this applies to all commissions, and I think that they have some of the same problems, and I'd make that motion, if the time was available and the opportunity were here. Thank you.

**SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. We do have under discussion of course Senator Carpenter's amendment which is found on page 421 of the journal.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President, and members of the legislature, I also would have to oppose Senator Carpenter's proposed amendment. It is true there is a very serious problem in this country, as relates to people known as Indians, but I don't think it's a Indian problem, I think it's an attitude toward Indians and until we can properly identify the cause of a problem, and delineate it's bound to, we can not properly cope with it. There have been tremendous injustices, not only against the Indian but against