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amendment that I would have to vote against them if they stay in their present..

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer is yielding the floor to, in his position here, to Senator Proud. We have before us, of course, the Carpenter amendment to LB 37.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I would only suggest that the United States of America is the best place in the entire world for any minority to live. The United States gives more considerations..more consideration to any minority than any other country in the world and if there is another country that gives more consideration to minorities, I'd like to know what it is.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Stahmer, then Senator Snyder, then Senator Stull.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to support the sentiments as expressed very eloquently by Senators Lewis and Chambers and I'm not sure that I'm an expert on what other countries do. I know that we have a wonderful country here but like all other countries and like all people and like every other thing that has anything to do with humanity, it is not perfect and to say that because we think we are better than anyone else everything is hunky-dory is quite a generalization I would think, to say the least, and it also occurs to me that if it takes 49 of us to govern the state of Nebraska, perhaps, consideration should be given to an Indian commission of 49 members because I think their problems from their viewpoint are, probably, at least as serious as the ones we think we have and, probably, considerably more so.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, considering the fiasco which we underwent yesterday in this body, it is a great pleasure, not that it wasn't a pleasure to be here yesterday but even more so today, with the manner in which we have rebounded back to the pure causes of human concern. I, too, would congratulate Senator Lewis and Senator Chambers but I think that we should also congratulate this body as a whole representing the state as a whole. I, too, will oppose the amendment offered. I will support Senator Burbach's bill. I, also, have a bill dealing with the American Indian. I would only hope that in digesting the eloquence which has been brought up on this subject here today that the people of the state as well as the individual members of this body would not say that the gains that are going to be made through this Legislature dealing with legislation concerning the American Indian came about as a result of the recent upheavels in this state and nearby states. I would rather hope that the people both those directly affected through this legislation and the people of our state would say that this reflects genuine concern through this body. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Stull, then Senator Nore. We are still speaking on the Carpenter amendments to LB 37.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I was co-sponsor with Senator Burbach in the original bill setting up this Indian commission. Now, we have a good many American Indians from Alliance and a good many of them in Chadron, Gordan, Rushville and it was my sincere desire when we set up this Indian commission to better the conditions in western Nebraska, in the whole state, for the Indian people. I think there was a mistake made when the original membership of the Indian commission was chosen and I intervened with Governor Tieman and the man that was chosen from our area. He did not represent the average Indian and, in fact, it was about as poor a choice as we could have put on the Indian commission but that be as it is. Now, Alliance has done a good many things