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SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Carpenter,

SPEAKER: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: I do know that we have, will have a different commission then we currently have. As far as I'm concerned let them set up a program and establish the priorities for the money they need, I am currently as this year, satisfied with the money they have made a request for and I hope will be recognized by the budget committee, but if we do come back next year and they have established a program with the priorities necessary, I will be the first then, one of the members or one of this group to support an increase, but at the moment I don't believe we have enough facts of knowing how that money will be properly spent.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I'd agree we don't have any facts in this bill at all, those people that are going to benefit I presume had a great deal to say with this composition, and you're going to end up with the same group of people doing the same things, because you're going to have three more of them. Now you don't agree but I, I want to go for the record, I'm willing to do something for them materially, I don't want them to have any alibi they don't have enough money, and I'll join with you or any one else to bring a bill in this session, in order to do what you think the Indians want. Let's do something besides talk about it, it only provides them with a platform to talk about and not do anything. We're not doing anything with this bill whether we pass it or whether we don't. If it's got nine members or fifteen members whether we have a commission at all, that's not the answer, that's just a matter of an alibi to study, to put off not doing anything. Now I want to do something for these Indians as a whole in order to keep those few people from fire bombing my people in my district. This bill won't do it.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Marvel, then Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would like to I guess ask Senator Burbach a question, well let me make a statement first, then ask Senator Burbach a question. It's been my experience in the past year or two that this commission as I understand it has been under the Department of Economic Development. The head of the department economic development asked for one budget, the director of the Indian Commission asked for a different budget, there in disagreement, so what we are saying is that the employee of the department is in disagreement with the head of the department. Now, I guess then I ask Senator Burbach a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Burbach will you yield to a question?

SENATOR MARVEL: Are we certain that the fiscal note as it stands on legislative bill 37, which has, as I see it Mr. Matzke's signature, this may be his estimate, is this the estimate of the director of the commission are they in agreement, they have not been in agreement before, are they in agreement as far as you know?

SENATOR BURBACH: I have no idea sir, I assume that they were in agreement, but if they are not I have no way of knowing that.

SENATOR MARVEL: I think as the introducer of the bill, it might be helpful if you could be certain to protect this, based upon this discussion today to protect us in the future, if that Mr. Matzke says is in agreement with those who in effect are running that commission.