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SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator, were you aware of the Budget Committee's operations before you put in the amendment?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes and no. All I can say is that it's testified by Senator Clark just a few months ago in the Appropriations Committee. They don't have the attorneys to do it. Now obviously, in my judgment, if you pass this amendment, the attorney would have to be appointed and under control of the Attorney General of the State of Nebraska. He's the only one who can make this thing possible. No one, in my judgment, on a commission can act independently of the discretion and jurisdiction of the Attorney General if he wants to exercise it. Now, this is a small matter-if you feel the opposition is correct in their position, I have no objection to that.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Do, excuse me, Mr. Chairman, may I ask one more question?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Do you feel that the additional staff that you would provide in your amendment is necessary even in addition to what is being provided, sir?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let me say this. I'll give you a specific case. The Lockwood Corporation which employs a thousand people in my district in Gering, they have a great deal of difficulty in having the management giving much consideration, if any, to the advancement of the Mexican-American people in the area of employment in a supervisory capacity. Now, in my district, as I say, I have a prime interest not only in my own welfare but the welfare of those people I'm supposed to represent. And I know the Mexican-Americans through their culture and through intermarriage today are the same as everybody else. And you'll find out throughout the state they're pretty cohesive. They don't feel they can get any action as it now stands. They asked me to try and help them. That's all I'm trying to do. We're really not talking.....

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about much money but if the judgment of this Body, you don't want to do it why they'll have to live with this.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Carpenter, I wonder if I could have an amendment that would set aside the moneys for one of these Attorney Generals....that he be assigned to that department. I think that would achieve what you want and I think they need a full time attorney and I think that's what you're saying.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman, Senator Stahmer, I would agree with that if you will include the Indian Commission.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, that was your speech, wasn't it, Senator Richendifer, you punched the light, wasn't that... all right, Senator Chambers.