

start from but we need to make some adjustments to it, and then we need to come back in the bottom line and say, okay, now we have put some things back in and now we need to go across the board. I think the first place we need to start is with the Mexican-American Commission and I urge you to support Senator Chambers' motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh. (Gavel.)
Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the amendment which doesn't surprise you. I rise because this is a part of state government which is providing a service to people from the eastern borders to the western borders. I want you to know that I do not feel it is fair to do away with an agency without a public hearing. That is just one of the reasons I am supporting the motion and I also have said that I would give some time to Senator Nichol. I believe we all need to support this amendment and, Senator Nichol, I yield the remaining four minutes of my time to you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Marsh. I very much appreciate it. It isn't often today that I am going to be up supporting any of these sort of deals but I honestly and earnestly support Senator Chambers in this motion. Why? Several years ago when the Mexican-American Commission was in the Scottsbluff area, it wasn't any good. I would say it verged on the edge of being corrupt, maybe not quite that strong, but it wasn't doing anything for the Mexican-American people. Since that time through several eras of leadership they have come down to the place where Mr. Rudy Peralez now runs this institution and he is doing a good job. At least he is doing a good job in the Panhandle and I know of this because I drop in on them and ask the people what they are doing for them, and as I get it, they are doing a good job. Any organization of this nature that can go from bad to good, in my opinion, should be supported. In the early days they weren't doing anything for the people directly. If somebody had a problem, they would tell them where to go to get the services that they needed. Now they are actually doing it for them in the way that they should be doing so I earnestly support this and hope that you will support it also. Thank you, Senator Marsh, and thank you, ladies and gentlemen.