

on the three advocacy agencies and, hopefully, maybe that would bring things to a head one way or the other. There are some think it's dumb to give up the position since we've worked so hard to get here. I've always found it works out better if you give somebody kind of a halfway fair chance and then it kind of straightens out. So I'm going to ask Senator Beutler to get his amendment up there and ask the indulgence of the body in going along with this.

PRESIDENT: Is there objection to Senator Beutler going ahead with the pending motion? Is there objection? Senator DeCamp has asked for the Beutler amendment to proceed ahead of his pending motion, ahead of Senator DeCamp's pending motion. Is there objection to...if not, it is so ordered. Senator Beutler.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the Beutler-Vickers amendment. (Amendment appears on page 2550 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler. May we have order in the Chamber, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think that we have all come together procedurally at least in an effort to break the stalemate to deal with the items in the committee amendment that are difficult for some of us to deal with one last time. The motion as you heard the Clerk read it involves only adding back, only adding back three items, the Mexican-American Commission, the Indian Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women. It does not any longer involve reduction in state operations. It does not involve displaced homemakers. It does not involve intercollegiate activities. The sum of the amendment is an up or down vote on the three commissions that many of us care a lot about. I think that this is probably the big moment on this particular issue. For myself, I have indicated to the people that have allowed this to happen that I will not take part in any further organization efforts on behalf of these commissions. They've each had a shot individually and now they are having a shot together and I guess at some point in time you have to say enough is enough. And I appreciate the accommodation on the part of the Appropriations Committee and other individuals interested. So that's where we are and that is the argument, whether you feel that it is necessary for this