

government at this point in time to do away with those agencies. The total amount involved is about \$600,000. If you adopt the amendment, basically the remaining Appropriations Committee amendment which now totals around \$15 million would be reduced to about \$14,500,000. I, for one, think it's worth the half a million dollars to keep these agencies in existence and with that I hope you understand the amendment and I'm sure there will be much debate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members, I would rise in support of the Beutler amendment. Originally I had a similar amendment, but Senator Chambers had individual votes on the Indian Commission, the Mexican-American Commission and then I had an individual vote on the Women's Commission. I felt bad about taking each individually. I think if you philosophically believe that we should help our disadvantaged, our downtrodden and our forgotten and that we ought to do that in the manner that these commissions provide, then you really need to deal with the issues together. And so I, for one, do believe that our government has a role in helping these individuals. They are the people that need our assistance the most. I certainly have other programs that I feel are as important or more important, but these particular commissions help certain segments of our society that we have left behind and I think, as we said before and you've heard the debate before, and in your own minds you've probably made up your decision as far as your vote, but I again urge you to think in terms of the broader implications of these groups of people that are out there being served by these commissions that are not able to have that assistance without them and I feel in terms of priorities of this state that we ought to continue funding them. So I'd ask your support for the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak on the...Senator DeCamp, you're next up. Take your time. Next is Senator Hannibal, then Senator Vickers, Haberman, Marsh and Hall.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, the idea is, of course, as we've discussed, that you vote this up or down. I would only mention to the body that apparently the people that put