

would like to repeat what I said to you a little bit earlier. I am committed to holding down the cost of government and I commend the committee for their efforts in trying to cut down on the scope of government and for those committee members, including Senator Lundy, who was telling us a little bit ago about all the phone calls you've got and how much pressure you've gotten, if you would do this in the correct fashion, we would all get phone calls and you would get them over a period of a long period of time. If you want to eliminate an agency of state government, if you want to eliminate something that we do with our funds, then come in next year and introduce a bill, have a public hearing on it, defend your position at that public hearing and defend all those letters and phone calls that you will get while you are doing it. I know because I have done it and it's not easy, but it's the correct way. We create programs in this body by introducing legislation and it's easy to do. It's easy to do. You introduce a bill that says we create an act to create some wonderful program and there isn't any real uproar against it normally at that point in time because we're doing it for a constituency and I suggest to you that each of these were probably created in that same fashion. Now whether you believe that it's good or bad and, quite frankly I don't know how I would vote if there had been a bill introduced this year to eliminate the Commission on the Status of Women or to eliminate the Mexican-American Commission or to eliminate the Indian Commission. I don't know how I would have voted, but I do know that the process we're using here is wrong. If there is any integrity in this body, if there is any integrity to our process, I would suggest to you that George Norris is probably rolling over in his grave right now because his idea of a Unicameral was to be more responsive to the people and that was the reason for the rules and the provisions set in the Constitution for the three different stages of debate as we create agencies, programs of government. But because of a budgetary crunch, but because of a dollar problem we are going to completely ignore the process that I think is so important that we hang onto and I know nobody is really listening. Nobody really cares because they have made up their mind themselves that one of these programs or another is bad and, therefore, we ought not to fund it. But please consider the process. Consider how many guts you've really got and if you've got the guts to introduce a bill next year to eliminate one of those, I challenge you to do it. Come in and defend it at a public hearing. Stand up and fight for it on the floor and,