

SENATOR MARSH: We have an opportunity right now at seven twenty-eight to come together and have enough votes to support a bill with 33 which is going to be needed on Final Reading. Without the adoption of this amendment, I'm sorry to prophesies that we'll not have enough votes for the emergency clause on Final Reading with the budget bill. This is more important than some of you realize and unless we can come together in a congenial atmosphere and say these are important considerations and if we as a group wish to do away with them, we need to do it in an honorable fashion. I urge your support and it's now seven twenty-nine. Thank you, Chris.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, do you wish to...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope you'll not forget the heritage of this country. I think really if there is one thing that makes us great, it is that we have paid so much respect to individual rights whether those rights are considered in a social, an economic or a political context. And whenever in our history from time to time we have perceived that things are out of kilter, that persons or groups of persons are being treated poorly for whatever reasons, being treated unfairly for whatever reasons, we have taken extra steps, we have reached out, we have made an effort to bring them in and when the Irish came we brought them in. And when the Germans came we brought them in. And when the Jews came we brought them in. And each time by bringing them in we have made this country greater and stronger and better and in the sixties when civil rights were being so grossly violated throughout the country we went the extra step. We passed civil rights laws in the U.S. Congress. We made an effort to correct the situation. We haven't gotten it all done, but we've made an effort and we are making efforts and now there are major portions of our population that perceive that the Mexicans, that the Indians and that women are having particular problems. I don't think these commissions are forever. These commissions are to help with those problems. I don't perceive them as being forever. They are for a certain time in history and I think the time has not expired, I hope it has not expired today, for these three particular areas. I think there are still many problems in our society in the way that we deal with Mexican-Americans, in the way that we deal with Indians and in the way we deal with women and I think we need to make some extra special efforts to deal