

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I'm reminded of when I used to be in Sunday school and there was a verse that said, if a child comes to his father and asks for bread, will he give him a stone. We have given a stone to the Mexican-American Commission, the Indian Commission and the Status of Women. This is an attempt, I think, to assuage our conscience and make it appear that we didn't do the terrible thing that we have done. To me it is like a travesty. It is almost a sacrilege, and it is a slap in the face, strictly speaking, of those who have worked hard on these commissions. But because the Legislature, some members, are trying, in a token way, to indicate that not everybody was slashing and tearing and ripping with delight, this resolution will give those people with the commission a piece of paper that they can show which the Legislature gave after unceremoniously and mercilessly destroying the work that they had given so much time and effort to. I don't know what I'll do on this resolution, but I can't always say that something is better than nothing. It just leaves me with mixed emotions, and I don't really know that it is appropriate for the Legislature to pass such a thing because if we really had respect and regard for what the commission did we would not have destroyed it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members, I concur with much of what has been said here, particularly the remarks of Senator Chambers. The resolution is a very small victory, I'm sure, for those agencies which will no longer be in existence. I would just like to suggest that it is not really possible to just totally wipe out a branch of government. I would suspect there will be some expenses that will be involved. If Mr. Peralez and his counterparts and other agencies put on their hat and coat and walk out on June 30, I would believe there would probably be some expenses in the deficiency budget next year which we are going to have to meet. I'm kind of curious what would happen if Mr. Peralez would contract with me, perhaps, for \$100,000 to run the agency the next six months? I wonder if the state can abridge that contract. I doubt it very much. It might be included in next year's budget. But in any case I want to point out one more thing. Not funding the agency