

we used. I think we took the coward's way out. Maybe that is the reason the agenda is printed in yellow today, I don't know. But I'm not going to be a part, I'm going to be a part of trying to assuage our collective conscience by adopting such resolutions as these. I hope that those people who are part of these commissions will understand why my vote is no, because my vote was yes the other times. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: With sadness and perhaps tears in my eyes I, too, stand to say LR 294 commends something in which I believe. However, I expect to vote for the resolutions because I, too, in a different way, wish to say I voted all the way for the Commission on the Status of Women, for the Indian Commission, for the Mexican-American Commission. And even though we did not have sufficient votes to do what I felt ought to be done, I do wish to publicly commend the commissions for their dedication, their excellent leadership, their courage through the years.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I think I was consistent in my vote in supporting these various agencies, except one time when I got disturbed because of a package, putting college athletics above the needs of women, but I was consistent. I did not vote against these people time, after time, after time, after time and then today, at the last minute, get up and offer a bill to reinstate them. I have not been hypocritical. I commend them for their work. I would suggest that they begin again, as they did originally, as volunteers because I was one myself back in 1972. I found that we, as volunteers, were able to do a great deal because we had our heart in it. We didn't have any paid staff. Each success was really felt deeply because of the commitment we had, because there were no funds involved. I can say this because I have supported these commissions in the budget. I can stand here and tell you that yesterday I was asked if I would consider voting to give displaced homemakers \$100,000 but give the others 70 percent, 70 percent of their budget. When I figured it out I said you're giving the displaced homemakers 54 percent, but the others 70 percent. I said, no, I won't go for that, that isn't fair, give them all 70, 50 if you