

reasons that they restore funds to the women's commission, will restore funds to the Mexican-American Commission and the Commission on Indian Affairs.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment catches me in an untimely fashion in that I would respond positively to this amendment had a different case been made or has yet perhaps to be made still this session. But I want to respond to legitimate distinctions that are out there. I, as what has been called a liberal in the past, have shown a lot of sympathy to minority rights and minority interests and I intend to keep that sensibility with me throughout the entire budget discussion, but at the same time there is a way in which you can get whipsawed between your stances. You can give help in one case and yet you can be accused of paternalism because you are, in fact, prescribing for other people what you think they want and you take it upon yourself to say, well, you know, I'll decide for somebody else what's good for them. And when that has happened, I certainly know that a legitimate claim of fraternalism is made. Now, I go through the process of deciding how I am going to vote, what evidence I have before me and I respond to each case. We had a bill before the Government Committee that restored the language...I'm sorry, struck the language authorizing three different commissions and there were three different cases to be made and the room was filled with people, but they all came to make one case and I'll respond to that case. I said, you persuaded me, all right, advocacy is a legitimate role for government, I'll vote in response to what I see as legitimate political demand for that role of advocacy. With respect to the other two commissions there were no representatives and Senator Chambers asks me in essence, I think, to do a paternalistic act which is to prescribe for Indian people what's good for them, to prescribe for Mexican-American people what's good for them and to fashion the form in which that will take. Now, I intend to respond to a legitimate demand on their behalf from the representatives of those groups and I've had two contacts. I have had, about two weeks ago, a room full of Mexican-American representatives who told me they wanted their commission. I have just had for the first time a contact with Native American representatives. But frankly, I don't know if there are any tribal councils in this state who asked to have the commission or who resolved that the