

commission is in their best interests. It would be very important to me to know that that was the case. If it was, it wouldn't be me prescribing for Indians what is good for them, it would be Indians saying, this is good for us and then, as a person who I think responds to that case, I would be able to weigh it. But at this point I do not have evidence that tells me that the Indian people of this state say, we have a stake in this commission, we believe in this commission, we think it's in our best interests to have this commission and we would resent very much if this commission didn't exist. Now that sentiment may well be there. I wouldn't doubt that it is, but isn't it very much an act of paternalism for me to conclude that it is there.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Sometimes, for example, we have suggested different kinds of economic development programs for north Omaha. Either the City of Omaha has or the Legislature has conducted such a concern and Senator Chambers has been right to stand on this floor and say, wait a second, you're telling my neighborhood what is good for them and you don't walk the streets of my neighborhood and I'll be the first to let you know what is in the interests of my area. I think he has been right to do so. In this case I need a showing from the affected groups of people that tell me that this commission is their commission, not the product of white liberals deciding who these commissions should be for. In that case, I'll vote for the money and the commissions.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, and then Senator Hoagland, but may I introduce some guests first of Senator Rex Haberman in the north balcony. From Stratton, Nebraska, we have eight seniors and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. And also Senator Haberman has 11 students from Palisade, Nebraska, and their sponsor. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, I guess I'm a little bit surprised by my good friend Senator Landis explanation of why he might have reservations about supporting the Chambers proposal. I think it's very evident, all of us who have been around here for a time know, the larger the amount of money, the larger the agency, the more significant the individual group of interest, the