

more able they are to come to this body and lobby for redress. We've seen it time after time after time as we have gone through the agony of trying to pare down budgets. Which agencies, which departments, which institutions are best able to withstand those reductions? We know, the large ones, the multimillion dollar ones. It is the small agency, it is the minority, frankly, it is the unusual category which is usually lopped off and many times without anyone even knowing what is happening. It has happened before. We all know very well that the Mexican-American Commission, that the Indian Commission has been severely handicapped by the actions of this body during the previous session. They do not have the resources. They do not have the base. They do not have the...Mr. President, I'm usually pretty able to speak above the roar, but it is getting just a little bit more than I can handle.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, would you please hold it down so we can hear the speakers. This applies to those under the balconies too. Thank you. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to emphasize very frankly that I do not intend, and I have stood here before and said so, to support very many additions to the budget, but I can tell you that I will support this motion of Senator Chambers because of the reasons Senator Chambers has given. He is the only nonwhite on this floor. He is, time and time again, the only individual who will rise to his feet and speak for an unpopular position or a position which is not well represented. There are no nonwhites in my district. There are no nonwhites in most of your districts. There are very few minority Americans in many of our districts, but that does not alter the fact that they have a right to some consideration by this body. I would hope that you would support Senator Chambers motion, and I want to just emphasize one other point. A few days ago, after some deliberation, I proposed an amendment to the bill, the appropriations bill, 1250, which would have reduced the cost of that bill by \$11 1/2 million by not providing a 3 percent pay raise for state employees. There were 13 votes in support of my position. Let me tell you very much, very frankly, anyone who could vote for a 3 percent raise across the board for state employees this morning ought to be able...or last week, ought to be able to vote for this