

proposal of Senator Chambers. A vast majority of state employees are deserving, hard working and need the raise, but I would suggest that this small amount of money for this particular group, or these two groups, is an expenditure which we can both afford and which, in fact, we cannot afford if we are going to go back to those ethnic groups and then insist that we are trying to meet some of their needs. I would support the motion and I would hope others would do the same thing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You are voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 7 ayes, 14 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate does not cease. Senator DeCamp, then Senator Hall. Senator DeCamp, to speak on the motion.

SENATOR DECAMP: I was going to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thanks for yielding, Senator DeCamp. Mr. President, members, Senator Landis said that he was...the amendment catches him in an untimely fashion. It is probably easy to say when your amendment that you're interested in has already been adopted, but this amendment I rise to support. I think that both the Mexican-American Commission and the Indian Commissions are at least as worthy of our consideration and the dollar figures that are in the Chambers amendment. Senator Landis, I will see that you get some phone calls. I represent, I think, the largest number of Mexican-Americans in the state. I think Scottsbluff, Senator Nichol, is the only other area of the state that comes close to the number of Mexican-Americans that are in South Omaha and that are affected, that receive benefits from the Mexican-American Commission. We tried very valiantly last year to save this commission. It was an unsuccessful attempt. I think this year that the dollar figures that we are looking at, the fact that the budget situation doesn't seem to be nearly as tense as it was a year ago. It leads me to believe that there isn't the problem there that we had last year. I think the problems