

had some people say let's have a Status of Men, let's have a Status of Polish, let's have a Status of Bohemians. Just last Friday at the county officials meeting in Norfolk, Nebraska, I was talking to several people and they said, well, how come you're putting in 98,000 back in the Status of Women and several women were there. And they said, we don't need it. I think all of them should be self-funded. I'm like Senator Hefner. I think if we're going to create a status, let's create a status for a number of people. I have always felt that a number of these, and including the Status of Women, should be self-funded. I, too, will reject the committee amendments and will vote for the bill, the passage of the bill. I just think it's time that we take this issue and eliminate it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would support the rejection of the committee amendments. I think that the case has been made very eloquently by a number of individuals here. I totally reject the contention of Senator Peterson that we don't need this, that there is a need for other types of operations which he has just mentioned. I think that the Commission on Indians and the Mexican-American Commission have functioned well. They have a specific need, and I want to emphasize again, there are many other areas in this state that are supposed to meet specific needs. Time after time after time they do not do so. They hide behind the facade of a general organization, a general agency and they do nothing and it takes specific action by this body from time to time to point that out. And I would just like to say also that sometimes again we talk about this small amount of money here. It is a small amount of money, but with that kind of funding you can get identity, you can get performance. You bury it in another agency, Social Services, et cetera, et cetera, and it actually becomes nothing. They may spend ten times the money, but accomplish nothing. So I would vote to reject the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers and then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Peterson's comments didn't even rise to the level of arguments so they don't need to be dealt with because I think the nature of them is self-evident. We've