

policy decision, I think this bill ought to be killed. Then when we make the determination on the budget bill as to whether we're going to fund all of them or none of them or stay with the decision even though I think it was unjust of funding one and letting the other two go by the boards, we can better do all of that if this bill is not advanced. So I support the kill motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Warner, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what I am about to say is not probably directed at any one or collectively to the three commissions but it is a concept and is a broad policy issue which it seems to me you are dealing with here. When I first came to the Legislature in 1963, we were just beginning to develop the kind of a conscience that as a society, and it was long overdue, in which we began to recognize the necessity of equal opportunities in a variety of areas, and the concept we had then was one that we didn't distinguish from individuals or groups but essentially we were one. Now I understand as a practical matter that is not really how it always works, but when I came to the Legislature that is how I thought our society ought to work. This last week I happened to read a book that dealt with, by Theodore White, it deals with the...did all the books on The Making of a President, this is his last one, and one of the chapters that I was struck with was he was talking about how we came full circle on this kind of an issue where 20 years ago or so, more than that actually, why then the concern was to do as I said, to try to move us to think as a society of one with equal opportunities of every nature, whatever they might be, and instead now we have almost come around to where we selectively identify a whole series of common interests, and at least the impression I came from that book is that whether or not that policy of trying to identify numerous groups by statute or by provisions, that if in fact we are not reinstating the very kind of segregation type activity that we were trying to get rid of, whether or not it emphasizes rather than de-emphasizes. And maybe the argument is that you have to use these kinds of commissions in the interim because it didn't work to come out front and say we are all equal, but I am inclined to think the long term policy of continuing identifying separate kinds of interest groups, the tendency is it is going to be much more